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EDUCATION

PhD in Community Health May 2018
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MS in Community Health (Epidemiology) May 2007
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BS in Microbiology May 2005
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences,
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POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

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Arnold School of Public Health
Rural & Minority Health Research Center
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND ROLES, CURRENT

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Rural & Minority Health Research Center,
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS/AFFILIATIONS, PREVIOUS

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University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

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University of South Carolina (May 2020-March 2021)

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Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL

Senior Research Development Coordinator, January 2017-July 2018
Office of Population Science and Policy,
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Center for Clinical Research, Statistics and Research Informatics Core/
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Clinical Research Specialist, July 2012-June 2013
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Graduate Research Assistant, August 2006-May 2007
Department of Kinesiology and Community Health,

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

August 2005- May 2007

PRACTICE-BASED WORK EXPERIENCE

Emergency Management Intern,
City of Champaign Fire Department, Champaign, IL

May 2006-September 2006

Certified Pharmacy Technician,
Walgreens Pharmacy, Champaign, IL

May 2002-September 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Iowa Rural Health Association Jerry Karbeling Award	2025
University of Iowa College of Public Health Faculty Teaching Award	2024
University of Iowa Student Supervisor of the Year Certificate of Distinction Award	2024
<i>Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention</i> Frederick P. Li Impact Award	2023
University of Iowa College of Public Health New Faculty Research Award	2021
National Rural Health Association Rural Health Fellow	2021
Top Disparities Poster at the American Society of Preventive Oncology virtual conference	2020
Best of <i>Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention</i> selection for article "Rural-Urban Differences in Cancer Incidence and Trends in the United States"	2020
Exceptional Reviewer Designation, <i>Journal of Rural Health</i>	2019,2020,2021
Frank J. Toth Research Award (SIU School of Medicine)	2017
American Association for Cancer Research Scholar-in-Training Travel Award	2016, 2017
University of Illinois Dean's List	2004-2005
University of Illinois College of Liberal Arts and Sciences James Scholar	2001-2002
Illinois Merit Scholarship	2001

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications (Published or In Press)

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120. Gadag K*, Arora K, Kaskie B, **Zahnd WE+**. Effect Of Medicaid Audio-Only Telehealth Coverage Policy on Mental Health Visits in Federally Qualified Health Centers. *Health Service Research*. In Press.

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112. Gadag K*, Ejughemre U*, Wilson KD, **Zahnd WE+**. Addressing Social Drivers of Health in Rural Iowa Hospitals: Content Analysis of Community Health Needs Assessments. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. 2025 Sep-Oct 01;31(5):716-725. doi: 10.1097/PHH.0000000000002184. Epub 2025 Jul 17.
111. Wiener CS*, Carrel M, **Zahnd WE**. Iowa Spatial Accessibility to Screening Mammography is Improving, but Utilization Among Privately Insured Women Remains Stable, 2016 – 2022. *Health & Place*. 2025; 94. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2025.103488>.
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109. Adams SA, Babatunde OA, **Zahnd WE**, Hung P, Wickersham KE, Bell N, Eberth JM. An Investigation of Travel Distance and Timeliness of Breast Cancer Treatment Among a Diverse Cohort. *International Journal of Public Health and Environmental Research*. 2025 Jan 27;22(2):176. doi: 10.3390/ijerph22020176.
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RESEARCH SUPPORT

Current or Secured

Rural Specialty and Primary Care Provider Access and Medicaid Reciprocity Scan

Source: California Health Care Foundation

Period: 09/2025-04/2026

Role: PI (12.5% FTE)

Rural Cancer Survivorship Implementation Science Research Collaborative

Source: University of Iowa College of Public Health

Period: 09/2025-08/2026

Role: PI (7.5% FTE)

Adapting Survivorship Care to Rural Practice, Translating Rural Evidence into Policy

Source: National Cancer Institute (R01 Supplement)

Period: 09/2024-08/2026

Role: co-I (5% FTE) (PI: Mary Charlton)

Telehealth Focused Rural Health Research Center Program Cooperative Agreement

Source: Office for the Advancement of Telehealth

Period: 09/2021-08/2029

Role: Co-Investigator (10 % FTE for FY26) (PI of Grant: Nick Mohr)

Rural Health Research Center Grant Program Cooperative Agreement

Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Period: 09/2024-08/2028

Role: Deputy PI (20% FTE) (PI: Keith Mueller)

Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network (Iowa Collaborating Center)
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (SIP 19-005 and SIP 24-005)
Period: 09/2021-09/2029
Role: Co-Investigator (5% FTE) (PI: Natoshia Askelson)

The effect of rurality and the COVID-19 pandemic on telemedicine and preventive healthcare use
Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (K01)
Period: 08/2022-07/2027 (In Kind)
Role: co-mentor (PI: Annie Larson)

Completed

The Experience of Cancer Related Financial Hardship in Rural America Among Individuals with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
Source: National Institute of Nursing Research (F31)
Period: 07/2023-06/2025
Role: In Kind Co-Mentor (PI: Stephanie Lee)

Geographic Health Equity Alliance Subcontract
Source: Geographic Health Equity Alliance/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Period: 3/2022-9/2025
Role: Subcontract Principal Investigator (5-10% FTE)

Congenital Heart Defects Surveillance in Iowa
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (DD-19-1902)
Period: 9/2023-8/2024
Role: co-investigator (10% FTE) (PI: Paul Romitti)

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement
Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
Period: 09/2021-08/2024
Role: Deputy PI of Grant; PI/co-PI of projects (20% FTE) (PI of Grant: Keith Mueller)

Rural Health Information Hub Supplement
Source: University of North Dakota Subcontract
Period: 06/2021-05/2024
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Jocelyn Richgels) (10% FTE)

Social Needs Screening and Referral in Iowa Rural Health Care Settings
Source: Prevention Research Center for Rural Health Pilot Grant
Period: 06/2023-05/2024
Role: PI (In Kind)

Instrument development, testing and refinement for exercise needs in Iowan cancer survivors
Source: Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Cancer Epidemiology and Population Science Pilot Project Award
Period: 2/2023-1/2024
Role: co-investigator (In Kind)(PI: Jess Gorzelitz)
Total Costs: \$25,000

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement

Project: Availability of Diabetes Self-Management Education in High Need Rural Counties
Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
Period: 09/2022-08/2023
Role: co-I of project/PI of subcontract (5% FTE) (PI of Project: Jan Probst)

Evaluating the Impact of Medicaid Dental Coverage on Early-Stage Oral Cancer Detection
Source: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (F31)
Period: 07/2022-06/2023 (In Kind)
Role: co-mentor (PI: Jason Semprini)

Structural, Process, and Area-Level Characteristics Associated with Cancer Prevention and Screening Quality Metrics in Rural Federally Qualified Health Centers
Source: University of Iowa College of Public Health New Faculty Research Award
Period: 01/2022-12/2022
Role: Principal Investigator (In Kind)
Total Costs: \$10,000

Understanding Racial/Ethnic Inequities in Treatment among Iowa Colorectal Cancer Patients
Source: Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Cancer Epidemiology and Population Science Pilot Project Award
Period: 01/2022-12/2022
Role: Principal Investigator (In Kind)
Total Costs: \$25,000

Advancing Cancer and Rural Equity in Iowa and Beyond
Source: Iowa Center for Research Involving Undergraduates Summer Fellowship
Period: Summer 2022 (In Kind)
Role: Mentor (Student: Meghana Yellepeddi)

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement
Project: Rural-Urban Differences in Three Domains of Access to Health Care Services
Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
Period: 09/2021-08/2022
Role: co-PI of Project/PI of Subcontract (20% FTE) (PI of Grant: Jan Eberth)

An Investigation of Racial and Geospatial Disparities in the Utilization, Adherence, and Economic Cost to Targeted Therapies for Breast Cancer
Source: University of South Carolina Big Data Health Science Center Pilot Program
Period: 08/2020-6/2022
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Swann Adams)
Total Costs: \$47,500

A Spatial Approach to Evaluating Potential and Realized Access to Broadband Services--A "Super-Determinant of Health"
Source: University of South Carolina Big Data Health Science Center Pilot Program
Period: 08/2020-12/2021
Role: Principal Investigator
Total Costs: \$32,631

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement
Project 1: Assessing cancer care coordination in Rural Health Clinics during a pandemic

Project 2: Availability of Physical Health Infrastructure in Areas with a High Proportion of Historically Disadvantaged Minority Residents

Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy/National Cancer Institute
Period: 09/2020-08/2021
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Project 1); Co-Investigator (Project 2) (PI: Jan Eberth)
Sub-contract PI (04/2021-08/2021-\$20,000)
Total Costs; \$700,000

Rural Health Information Hub Supplement

Source: University of North Dakota Subcontract
Period: 03/2021-05/2021 (Funded: 4/2021-5/2021-30% FTE)
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Mary Charlton)

Big Data Health Science Center Geospatial Core

Source: USC Office of the Vice President of Research/Provost Office (Excellence Initiative Project)
Period: 05/2020-08/2021
Role: Geospatial Core Co-Director (PI: Xiaoming Li)

Planning for Implementation of Evidence-Based Cancer Screening Practices in Rural Health Clinics

Source: South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Care Rural Innovations Cooperative Agreement Program
Period: 09/2019-08/2021
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Jan Eberth)
Total Costs: \$198,000

Racial/Ethnic, Geographic, and Socioeconomic Disparities in Molecular Testing among Breast Cancer Patients

Source: American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant
Period: 06/2020-05/2021
Role: Principal Investigator
Total Costs: \$20,000

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement

Project 1: Rural-Urban Cancer Disparities and Cancer Prevention and Control Activities in Rural Healthcare Settings
Project 2: Development and Pilot Testing of Cancer Prevention and Control Interventions in Rural Health Clinics

Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement
Period: 09/2019-08/2020
Role: Co-Investigator (Both Projects) (PI: Jan Eberth)
Total Costs: \$545,370

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement

Project: Rural Colon and Cervical Cancer (RCCC) Environmental Scan

Source: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
Period: 09/2018-08/2019
Role: Post-Doctoral Researcher (PI: Jan Eberth)

Ending Transmission of HIV, HCV, and STDs and Overdose in Rural Communities of People who Inject Drugs (ETHIC)

Source: National Institute of Health (1UG3DA044829-01)
Period: 08/2017-07/2018
Role: Co-Investigator (co-PIs: Wiley Jenkins, Mai Pho)

Spatial Analysis of Radon Testing and Mitigation in Illinois: A Public Health Perspective
Source: Environmental Protection Agency State Indoor Radon Grant
Period: 07/2015-09/2018
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Tracey Smith)

Spatial Analysis of Rural Disparities in Staging and Oncologic Outcomes for Esophageal and Pancreas Cancer
Source: Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract Health Disparities Award
Period: 07/2015-06/2017
Role: Data Manager and Analyst (PI: Sabha Ganai)

Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2016
Source: Illinois Department of Public Health
Period: 02/2016-12/2016
Role: Program Manager (PI: Wiley Jenkins)

Community Health Needs Assessment Secondary Data Reports for 5 Hospital Sisters Health System (HS) Hospitals
Source: Hospital Sisters Health System
Period: 09/2014-06/2015
Role: Project Manager (PI: David Steward)

Geospatial Analysis of Potential Environmental Causes of Cancer in Illinois
Source: Caryl Towsley Moy, PhD, Endowed Fund for Collaborative Research
Period: 02/2014-01/2015
Role: Data Manager and Analyst (PI: Wiley Jenkins)

Proposal to characterize cancer patient and family member health literacy and identify communication modifications and complementary strategies
Source: Memorial Medical Center Foundation
Period: 02/2013-01/2014
Role: Data Manager (PI: Wiley Jenkins)

Central Illinois Colorectal Cancer Screening Research Initiative
Source: American Cancer Society, Illinois Division
Period: 08/2012-07/2014
Role: Data Manager (PI: David Steward)

Collaboration to Reduce Lung Cancer Disparities in the Southern Illinois Delta Region
Source: American Cancer Society, Illinois Division
Period: 07/2012-06/2014
Role: Project Manager (PI: David Steward)

Community Engagement and Medical Student Education for Child Health Promotion
Source: Portes Foundation
Period: 07/2012-06/2013
Role: Data Manager (PI: Harald Lausen)

Effectiveness of Screening ED Patients for Genital and Oropharyngeal Chlamydial and Gonorrheal Infections
Source: Memorial Medical Center Foundation
Period: 02/2012-01/2013

Role: Data Manager (PI: Wiley Jenkins)

Adams County Children's Mental Health Partnership
Source: Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation
Period: 09/2011-5/2014
Role: Data Manager (PI: David Steward)

Springfield Collaborative for Active Child Health
Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois Healthy Kids, Healthy Families Grant
Period: 07/2011-06/2015
Role: Data Manager and Analyst (PI: David Steward)

Feminine Hygiene Practices, Bacterial Vaginosis, and Sexually Transmitted Infections in US Women
Source: Arnold O. Beckman Award
Period: 05/2006-05/2007
Role: Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Caitlin Sionean)

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

53. "From Bedside to Countryside: Ensuring Access to Cancer Care for Rural Cancer Patients", Emory University School of Medicine Department of Radiation Oncology Division of Health Services, Outcomes, and Policy Think Tank Symposium, 2026 January 13 [webinar]

52. "99 Counties' Project: Engaging Communities to Tackle Iowa's Cancer Challenge", Iowa Rural Health Association Conference, Indianola, IA, 2025 November 20. [oral presentation]

51. "Engaging and Reaching Populations for Survivorship Research". Cancer Centers Survivorship Research Forum 2025. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Boston, MA. 2025 September 18-19. [panel]

50. "The Role of Rural Providers and Hospitals in Supporting Patients and Communities across the Care Continuum". University of Wisconsin Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center Oncology Grand Rounds. Madison, WI. 2025 April 30. [oral presentation]

50. "Pre-Post Pandemic Trends in Rural Cancer Incidence and Mortality". Addressing Cancer Control and Care in Rural Communities: A National Rural Cancer Control Conference. Nashville, TN. 2024 August 8-9. [oral presentation]

49. "Rural Health Equity in HHS Region 7". HHS Region 7 Health Equity Learning Collaborative. 2024 August 1. [virtual presentation]

48." The Role of Rural Health Services in Cancer Equity across the Care Continuum", Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Research Seminar. 2024 January 17. [oral presentation]

47. "Describing Your Community and Developing S.M.A.R.T.I.E. Objectives for Grants", Iowa State Office of Rural Health Rural Health Grant Writing Workshop, 2023 November 8. [webinar]

46. "Challenges and opportunities for obstetric and gynecologic care and outcomes in rural Iowa", Carver College of Medicine Obstetrics and Gynecology Postgraduate Conference, Iowa City, IA, 2023 November 3. [oral presentation]

45. "Cancer in Rural Iowa", Iowa Rural Health Association Conference, Marshalltown, IA, 2023 October 18. [oral presentation]
44. "Barriers and Successful Strategies for Engaging Rural Populations in State Comprehensive Cancer Control Planning: Program Manager Perspectives", Geographic Health Equity Alliance, 2023 September 25. [webinar]
43. "Describing Your Community: Rural Data for Grants and Needs Assessments", Iowa Rural Health Association Webinar, 2023 May 25. [webinar]
42. "The Role of Rural Health Services in Cancer Equity across the Care Continuum", University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Cancer Forum. 2023 April 25. [presentation]
41. "Health Access in Rural America", American Medical Student Association Health Justice Scholars Seminar. 2023 April 18 [virtual presentation].
40. "Strategies for Incorporating a Health Equity Lens into Research", Ulowa College of Nursing Research Forum. 2023 April 11. [virtual presentation]
39. "Rural Health Needs, Strengths, and Opportunities", Rowan University Public Health Club Meeting, 2023 April 7. [virtual presentation]
38. "HPV Cancers in Rural Communities", St. Jude Rural HPV Vaccination Introductory Meeting, 2023 January 23. [virtual presentation].
37. "Reducing Cancer Health Disparities Among Rural Populations", Cancer Alliance of Texas Quarterly Meeting, 2022 November 10. [virtual presentation]
36. "Identifying and implementing evidence-based strategies for rural cancer control", Geographic Health Equity Alliance webinar, 2022 October 26. [webinar panel]
35. "The Role of Rural Health Services in Cancer Health Equity", Drexel University Health Management and Policy Speaker Series. 2022 October 13. [seminar]
34. "Setting rural-focused goals, objectives and strategies", Geographic Health Equity Alliance webinar. 2022 September 21. [webinar]
33. "Building partnerships to support rural cancer control", Geographic Health Equity Alliance webinar. 2022 August 16. [webinar]
32. "Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening in Rural Health Clinics", Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Consortium Conference, 2022 June 15-17. Irving, TX [oral presentation]
31. "Defining and Describing Rural Communities in Comprehensive Cancer Control Planning", Geographic Health Equity Alliance webinar. 2022 June 7. [webinar]
30. "Application of a Multilevel Framework to Evaluate and Address Rural Cancer Disparities", University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center Cancer Control & Population Sciences Program Seminar, 2022 May 9 [presentation].
29. "The Role of Rural Health Clinics in Cancer Care across the Continuum", Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Grand Rounds, 2021 December 17 [virtual presentation]

28. "Multilevel Influences of Cancer Inequities at the Intersection of Rurality and Race/Ethnicity", NIH Rural Health Day Seminar, 2021 November 18. [virtual presentation]
27. "The Atmosphere Matters: Current Data on Insurance and Geography as Determinants of HPV Vaccination", HPV Vaccination Roundtable Annual Meeting Panel Presentation, 2021 June 10.
26. "Social Determinants of Health and Cancer Disparities in American Indian/Alaska Native Populations", CDC "Cancer Prevention Across the Lifespan" Workgroup Monthly Meeting, 2021 April 26.
25. "Staying Connected while Social Distant: A Spatial Analysis of Broadband Access and Implications for Peri-Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Times", University of South Carolina Big Data Health Science Center National Big Data Health Science Conference, 2021 February 5.
24. "A Spatial Approach to Evaluating Potential and Realized Access to Broadband Services--A 'Super-Determinant of Health'", University of South Carolina Big Data Health Science Center Monthly Seminar, 2021 January 27.
23. "Contextualizing "Rural" in Cancer Disparities Research", UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center Cancer Outcomes Program Virtual Research Seminar, 2021 January 19.
22. "The importance of examining the intersection of rural-urban status and race/ethnicity in cancer surveillance research: an early-onset colorectal cancer example", North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Webinar, 2020 October 28.
21. "Using a Multilevel Framework to Evaluate and Address Rural Cancer Disparities across the Continuum", University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health Virtual Research Seminar, 2020 October 20.
20. "Methodological Challenges and Solutions for Rural Health Research" American College of Epidemiology Annual Conference, 2020 September 22. [virtual presentation]
19. "Spatial and Health Service Research Approaches in Rural Cancer Control", University of Iowa College of Public Health Virtual Research Seminar, 2020 July 6.
18. "Examining Rural Disparities across the Cancer Continuum", Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center Cancer Prevention and Control Program Virtual Research Seminar, 2020 June 22.
17. "Rural-Urban Differences in Cancer Incidence and Trends in the United States", American Society of Preventive Oncology Annual Conference. 2020 May 14. Presented virtually as a webinar due to COVID-19
16. "Cancer Surveillance and Access to Care in Rural America", Rural Health Research Gateway, 2020 February 5. [webinar]
15. "Examining Rural Disparities across the Cancer Continuum", The Dartmouth Institute/Norris Cotton Cancer Center Research Seminar, 2020 January 31. Lebanon, NH.
14. "Examining Rural Cancer Disparities across the Continuum", Indiana University School of Public Health Research Seminar, 2020 January 15. Bloomington, IN.
13. "Colorectal Cancer in Rural South Carolina", Colorectal Cancer Screening Program in South Carolina Advisory Council Meeting, 2019 October 28. Columbia, SC.

12. "Leveraging multi-state cancer registry data to examine breast cancer disparities in a federally designated region", NAACCR Talk Webinar, 2019 October 9. [webinar]
11. "Rural Participation in Cancer Clinical Trials", Heartland National Community Oncology Research Program Annual Meeting, 2019 March 22. Springfield, IL. [virtual presentation]
10. "Spatial and Health Services Research Approaches to Examining Cancer Health Disparities", University of South Carolina Research Seminar, 2019 March 4. Columbia, SC.
9. "Utilization of Cancer Registry Data to Elucidate Cancer Incidence Disparities in Rural Populations", National Cancer Institute's Accelerating Rural Cancer Control Meeting, 2018 May 30. Bethesda, MD.
8. "Rural Health Career Forum", Illinois Rural Health Association, Illinois State University, 2018 April 7. Normal, IL.
7. "Using American Community Survey Data in Health Research", American Community Survey Data Users Conference Lunch Roundtable, 2017 May 11-12. Alexandria, VA.
6. "Health Research and Public Health: More than Rats, Microscopes, and Clean Air", Havana Health Career Opportunities, 2017 April 17. Springfield, IL.
5. "Radon Testing Patterns in Illinois and Implications for Public Health and Medical Practice", Radon 101: Brown Bag Lunch Series, SIU School of Medicine. 2017 January 27. Springfield, IL.
4. "Collaboration and Community Engagement to Address Cancer Disparities in Southern Illinois", Washington University in St. Louis and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Rural Cancer Disparities Partnership Retreat. 2016 July 15. St. Louis, MO.
3. "Geospatial Analysis of Potential Environmental Causes of Cancer in Illinois", SIU School of Medicine/UIS Collaborative Research Seminar. 2014 November 14. Springfield, IL.
2. "Rural-Urban Differences in Health Literacy". SIU School of Medicine Division of Rheumatology Research Forum. 2009 April 3. Springfield, IL.
1. "Rural Health Literacy". 5th Annual Rural Public Health Institute: Preparing for Challenging Times. 2009 March 11. Effingham, IL.

Refereed Conference Abstract Presentations

(Numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

***Indicates student or medical resident presenter**

130. Odahowski C, **Zahnd W**, Benavidez G, Yell N. Rural Disparities in Cancer Incidence, Screening and Utilization. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. 2025 May 21-23. Atlanta, GA. [panel]
129. **Zahnd WE**, Vanderpool RC, Blake KD, Nash S, Senft N, Van Blarigan E. Rural-Urban Differences in Internet Access, Use, and Online Patient-Provider Communication among Cancer Survivors: A HINTS-SEER Analysis. American Society for Preventive Oncology. 2025 April 6-8. Philadelphia, PA. [oral presentation]
128. **Zahnd WE**, Davis J, Whelan J. Social Drivers of Health in Value-Based Care. National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference. 2024 May 8-9. New Orleans, LA. [panel]

127. **Zahnd WE**, Semprini J, Vanderpool RC, Van Blarigan, Herbert-DeRouen M, Senft N, Meisner AL, Shariff-Marco S, Wiggins CL, Nash SH. Metropolitan/Non-Metropolitan Differences of the Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Survivors' Care: A SEER-HINTS Analysis. 2023 HINTS Data Users Conference, 2023 September 21-22. Bethesda MD. [oral presentation]
126. Wilson K, Merrell M, **Zahnd W**. Preparing Emerging Health Care Leaders for Rural Health Spaces. Association of University Programs of Health Administration Annual Conference. 2023 June 29-July 1. National Harbor, MD. [panel].
125. Larson A, **Zahnd W**, Davis MM, Stange KC, Yoon J, Heintzman J, Harvey SM. Telemedicine visits and visit modality in community health centers among rural versus urban patients. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. 2023 May 16-19. San Diego, CA [poster].
124. **Zahnd W**, Wilson K, Mueller K. Rural Hospital Partnerships and Programs Addressing Social Needs. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. 2023 May 16-19. San Diego, CA [oral presentation].
123. Merrell M, Wilson K, **Zahnd W**. Preparing Emerging Administrative Leaders for Rural Health Roles. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. 2023 May 16-19. San Diego, CA [panel].
122. Hirsch E*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM, Studts J. Prevalence of USPSTF recommended cancer screenings among individuals eligible for lung cancer screening: an analysis of the 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey. American Society of Preventive Oncology annual conference. 2023 March. [oral presentation]
121. Gadag K*, **Zahnd WE** Impact of COVID-19 Related Telehealth Policies on Adoption and Utilization of Tele-mental health services in Federally Qualified Health Centers. American Telemedicine Association Conference. 2023 March 4-6. San Antonio, TX [oral presentation].
120. Eberth JM, Peterse EFP, Self S, **Zahnd WE**, Schootman M, Meester RGS. Geographic variation in colonoscopy supply and demand: can we meet 80% in Every Community. Solving Critical Problems in Cancer Control using Spatial Science. Los Angeles, CA. January 2023. [oral presentation]
119. Dunlap C*, Zgodic A*, Benavidez G*, Hung P, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM. Construction of a Cancer Burden Score for US Counties. American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting. 2022 September 8-11. Scottsdale, AZ. [poster].
119. **Zahnd WE**, Gadag K*, Yellepeddi M*. Grantee-Level Characteristics Associated with Cancer Quality Metrics in Rural FQHCs. Addressing Policy and Structural Barriers to Improve Rural Cancer Health Conference. 2022 August 11-12. St. Louis, MO. [poster]
118. Babatunde OA, **Zahnd WE**, Boakye EA, Jefferson MS, Osazuwa-Peters N, Hughes Halbert C, Adams SA. Statewide variability in predictors of survival among geographically and racially diverse breast cancer cohorts. 15th American Association for Cancer Research Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2022 September 16-19. Philadelphia, PA. [poster]
117. Munoz S, Bain S, **Zahnd W**. Living Rurally with Long-Term Conditions Through COVID-19. National Rural Health Association Annual Meeting. 2022 May 10-13. Albuquerque, NM. [panel].
116. **Zahnd W**, Silverman A,* Self S, Hung P, Natafji N, Merrell M, Owens O, Crouch E, Eberth J. Cancer Prevention Activities in RHCs: Impacts of COVID-19. National Rural Health Association Annual Meeting. 2022 May 10-13. Albuquerque, NM. [oral presentation].

115. **Zahnd W**, Gadag K*, Ullrich F, Mueller K. Rural COVID-19 Mortality Disparities, December 2020-January 2021. National Rural Health Association Annual Meeting. 2022 May 10-13. Albuquerque, NM. [oral presentation].
114. Larson A, **Zahnd W**, Davis M, Yoon J, Stange K. Rural and Urban Telemedicine Use Among Community Health Center Patients. AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. 2022 June 4-6. Washington D.C.[oral presentation]
113. Marshall C*, **Zahnd W**, Eberth J, Silverman*. COVID-19's Impact on Telehealth Usage in Rural Health Clinics across the United States. American Medical Association Research Challenge.
112. Jehan S*, **Zahnd W**, Wooten N. Disparities in Access to Buprenorphine Providers in the United States. Society for Social Work and Research 26th Annual Conference. 2022 January 12-16. [oral presentation].
111. Ranganathan R*, **Zahnd WE**. Disparities in 5-Year Relative Survival for Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer. American College of Epidemiology 2021 Annual Meeting. 2021 September 8-10. [poster]
110. Brandt HM, **Zahnd WE**, Messersmith AR, Hastings TJ, Harrison SE. Cartmell KB. Exploring the role of community pharmacies in increasing uptake of HPV vaccination in South Carolina. American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo. 2021 October 24-27. [poster].
109. Jehan S*, **Zahnd W**, Wooten N. Disparities in access to opioid treatment program (OTPs) across local United States communities. American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Meeting and Expo. 2021 October 24-27. [abstract accepted].
108. Hung P, Probst JC, **Zahnd W**, Zgodic A, Merrell MA, Crouch E, Eberth J. Trends in Cancer Treatment Service Availability across Critical Access Hospitals and Prospective Payment System Hospitals. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. 14 June 2021. [virtual presentation]
107. Ranganathan R*, Adams SA, Babatunde OA, **Zahnd WE**. Multilevel Factors Associated With Molecular Testing For Female Breast Cancer Patients. 3rd NCI Symposium on Cancer Health Disparities (Virtual). 2021 May 25-27. [online abstract].
106. **Zahnd W**, Larson A, Bell N. Rural-Urban and Sociodemographic Disparities in Broadband Access. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. 2021 May 5-7. [virtual oral presentation].
105. **Zahnd W**, Eberth J, Evans D. Addressing Rural Disparities in Comprehensive Cancer Control Plans. National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference. 2021 May 4. [virtual plenary session].
104. **Zahnd W**, Hung P, Eberth J. Cancer Care Delivery in Rural Safety Net Settings. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. 2021 May 5-7. [virtual panel session].
103. Murphy C*, **Zahnd W**, Eberth J. Analysis of Statewide Comprehensive Control Plans in Addressing the Disproportionate Rural Cancer Burden. Discover UofSC 2021 Conference. 2021 April 23.
102. Ranganathan R*, Babatunde OA, Adams SA, **Zahnd WE**. Disparities in Molecular Testing among Female Breast Cancer Patients. Discover UofSC 2021 Conference. 2021 April 23.
101. Shi K, Hung P, **Zahnd W**, Zgodic A*, Merrell MA, Crouch E, Probst JC, Eberth JM. Changes in Spatial Distributions of Cancer Prevention and Treatment Services in Rural America: the Role of Hospital Closures. National Big Data Health Science Center Conference. 2021 February 5-6. [virtual poster]

100. Ranganathan R*, **Zahnd WE**, Harrison SE, Brandt HM, Adams SA, Eberth JM. Application of Spatial Methods to Examine Spatial Access to Vaccine for Children Providers in South Carolina. National Big Data Health Science Center Conference. 2021 February 5-6. [virtual poster]
99. Ranganathan R*, Babatunde O, Adams SA, **Zahnd WE**. Disparities In Molecular Testing Among Female Breast Cancer Patients. American Society of Preventive Oncology 45th Annual Meeting. 2021 March 29-April 1. [virtual abstract].
98. Babatunde O, **Zahnd W**, Eberth JM, Lawson AB, Hughes Halbert C. Area-Level Social Deprivation and Stage at Diagnosis among Breast Cancer Patients in South Carolina. 13th AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2020 October 2-4 [virtual poster]
97. Ranganathan R*, **Zahnd W**, Adams S. Rural Urban and Racial Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Survival Among Residents Of South Carolina, 2001-2016. 13th AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2020 October 2-4. [virtual poster]
96. Ranganathan R*, **Zahnd W**, Adams S. Disproportionate Burden Of Cervical Cancer Survival By Race And Rurality In South Carolina, 2001 – 2016. 13th AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2020 October 2-4 [virtual poster]
95. Zgodic A*, **Zahnd W**, Studts J, Miller D, Eberth J. Adjustment of complex survey design weights for multilevel modeling: An application using optional BRFSS modules on lung cancer screening. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo. 2020 October 24-28. [virtual oral presentation].
94. Ranganathan R*, Adams SA, **Zahnd WE**, Hung P, Brown M, Eberth JM. Disparities in Colorectal Cancer in South Carolina, 1996-2016. American College of Epidemiology 2020 Virtual Conference. 2020 September 21-23. [virtual poster]
93. Benavidez G*, Zgodic A*, **Zahnd W**, Eberth JM. Disparities in cancer screening among women in the United States. American College of Epidemiology 2020 Virtual Conference. 2020 September 21-23 [virtual poster].
92. Hung P, **Zahnd W**, Deng S*, Wang S, Eberth J. Disparities in Access to Cancer Care Facilities and Colorectal Cancer Care Outcomes in South Carolina. 2020 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. [virtual poster]
91. Hung P, **Zahnd W**, Brandt H, Adams S, Wang S, Eberth J. Cervical Cancer Treatment Initiation and Survival: the Role of Residential Proximity to Cancer Care. 2020 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. [virtual poster]
90. **Zahnd W**, Crouch E, Hung P, Eberth J. Rural Minority Disparities across the Life Span. 2020 National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference. Plenary session presented virtually due to COVID-19
89. Zgodic A*, Eberth JM, **Zahnd WE**, Adams SA, Hudson MF. Impact of Patient Metropolitan Status and Facility Region on Disparities in Needle Biopsy Receipt for Breast Cancer Diagnosis. 2020 National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference. Poster presented virtually due to COVID-19
88. Zgodic A*, Benavidez GA*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM. Factors Associated with Lung Cancer Screening in Urban vs. Rural Individuals at Risk for Lung Cancer. National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference. Presentation presented virtually due to COVID-19.
87. Benavidez GA*, Zgodic A*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM. Sociodemographic Factors Associated with Mammography in The United States. National Rural Health Association Annual Conference. [accepted poster]

86. Benavidez GA*, Zgodic* A, **Zahnd,WE**, Eberth JM. Disparities in Cervical Cancer Screening in The United States. 3rd Annual NCI Symposium on Cancer Health Disparities. 16-17 April 2020. Bethesda, MD. [accepted oral presentation—conference postponed due to COVID-19]
85. **Zahnd WE**, Petermann V*, Teal R, Vu M, Vanderpool RC, Rohweder C, Askelson N, Edward JE, Farris PE, Koopman Gonzalez SJ, Ko LK, Eberth JM, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Rural Cancer Workgroup. Interventions to Address the Financial Burden of Cancer Care: Recommendations from the Field. American Society of Preventive Oncology 44th Annual Meeting. 22-24 March 2020. [poster-presented via Twitter as conference was virtual due to COVID-19].
84. **Zahnd WE**, Petermann V*, Teal R, Vu M, Vanderpool RC, Rohweder C, Farris PE, Askelson N, Stradtman L, Koopman Gonzalez SJ, Vu T, Eberth JM, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Rural Cancer Workgroup. Financial Navigation Staff Perspectives on the Patients' Financial Burden of Cancer Care. American Society of Preventive Oncology 44th Annual Meeting. 22-24 March 2020. Tucson, AZ [online only abstract].
83. **Zahnd WE**, Gomez SL, Steck SE, Brown MJ, Ganai S, Zhang J, Adams SA, Berger F, Eberth JM. Joint Rural-Urban and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Trends. 44th Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology conference. March 22-24, 2020. Tucson, AZ [online only abstract]
82. Benavidez G*, Zgodic A*, **Zahnd W**, Eberth JM. Demographics of Breast Cancer Screening in South Carolina. 13th Annual Carolina Women's Health Forum. 5 March 2020. Columbia, SC [poster].
81. **Zahnd WE**, Josey MJ, Schootman M, Eberth JM. Using Two-Step Floating Catchment Area Methods to Evaluate Spatial Accessibility to Colonoscopy and Their Ability to Predict Late-Stage Colorectal Cancer. 2020 Big Data Health Science Center Conference. 8-11 February 2020. Columbia, SC [poster].
80. Brown MJ, Patterson RC*, Haider MR, **Zahnd W**, Cohen SA. Social determinants of health matter: Association with cognition and disparities by sex and race/ethnicity in the Deep South. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. 2-6 November 2019. Philadelphia, PA [poster]
79. Petermann VM*, Vanderpool RC, Eberth JM, Rohweder C, Teal R, Stradtman L, Frost E, Trapl E, Koopman Gonzalez S, Vu T, Ko L, Cole A, Farris PE, Shannon J, **Zahnd WE**, Lee J*. Assessing Cancer Programs' Financial Resources for Rural Cancer Patients. American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Care Symposium. 6-7 September 2019. San Diego, CA. [poster]
78. Day J*, Prakesh V, **Zahnd W**, Mahmood M*, Poola VP, Rakinic J, Ganai S. Analysis of County-level Access to Specialized Providers on Colorectal Cancer Incidence and Mortality in Illinois. Digestive Disease Week. 19-21 May 2019. San Diego, CA. [poster]
77. Taylor S*, **Zahnd W**, Ganai S. Gastrointestinal Cancer Incidence and Trends in United States Rural And Urban Populations. Digestive Disease Week. 19-21 May 2019. San Diego, CA. [oral presentation]
76. Hung P, Deng S*, **Zahnd W**, Adams S, Olatosi B, Crouch E, Eberth J. Urban-rural disparities in access to colorectal and cervical cancer care specialists. National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [poster]
75. Biesecker C*, **Zahnd W**, Adams S, Eberth JM. Mapping Cervical Cancer Access and Prevention in SC. National Rural Health Association Health Equity Conference. 7 May 2019. Atlanta, GA [poster]
74. Probst JC, Breneman C, **Zahnd W**. Rural-Urban Trends in Infant and Youth Mortality. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [oral presentation]

73. **Zahnd W**, Davis M, Rotter JS*, Vanderpool RC, Perry CK, Shannon J, Ko LK, Wheeler SB, Odahowski CL*, Farris PE, Eberth JM. Financial Problems among Rural and Urban Cancer Survivors. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [poster]
72. Probst JC, Hunt McKinney S, Outeen S, **Zahnd W**, Haynes E. Educational gaps a barrier to rural nursing practice. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [poster]
71. Brandt H, Eberth J, **Zahnd W**. Cancer Prevention and Control Research in Rural Populations. 42nd Annual National Rural Health Association Conference. 8-10 May 2019. Atlanta, GA. [panel presentation]
70. Biesecker C*, **Zahnd WE**, Adams SA, Eberth JM. Mapping Cervical Cancer Access and Prevention in SC. Discover USC, 26 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [poster]
69. Lee J*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM. Financial Toxicity Among Rural Cancer Patients in South Carolina. Discover USC, 26 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [poster]
68. Zgodic A*, **Zahnd WE**, Eberth JM. Evaluating disparities in lung cancer screening uptake using the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Discover USC, 26 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [poster]
67. Biesecker C*, **Zahnd WE**, Adams SA, Eberth JM. Mapping Cervical Cancer Access and Prevention in SC. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture, 23 April 2019. Columbia, SC. [poster]
66. Odahowski C*, **Zahnd W**, Davis M, Perry C, Vanderpool R. Financial Hardship among Rural Cancer Survivors in the U.S. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [poster]
65. Babatunde O*, Adams SA, Eberth JM, **Zahnd WE**, Felder TM, Moran R, Hebert JR. A comparison of Mortality-to-Incidence ratio with survival analyses in assessing racial breast cancer disparities across South Carolina Counties. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [oral presentation]
64. Eberth JM, Odahowski CL*, **Zahnd WE**. Geographic Disparities in Lung Cancer Screening in the U.S. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [poster]
63. Eberth JM, **Zahnd WE**, Josey MJ*, Schootman M, Probst JC. Temporal Trends in Spatial Access to Colonoscopy in South Carolina. 43rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology Conference. 10-12 March 2019. Tampa, FL. [online only abstract]
62. Deshpande M, **Zahnd W**, Bandy L*, Lorenson J*, Fifer A. Spatial analysis of disparities in asthma treatment among adult asthmatics. American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting. 22-25 March 2019. Seattle, WA [poster]
61. Taylor S*, **Zahnd WE**, Ganai S. Rural-urban and racial/ethnic disparities in hepatocellular carcinoma incidence. 14th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 5-7 February 2019. Houston, TX. [oral presentation]
60. Day J*, **Zahnd WE**, Poola P, Rakinic J, Ganai S. Spatial Accessibility to Colorectal Cancer Care in the State of Illinois. 14th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 5-7 February 2019. Houston, TX. [oral presentation]
59. **Zahnd W**, Thomas A, Crawford C, Capizzi, Jenkins W, Pho M. Utilization of Spatial Methods to Address the Rural Opioid Syndemic in a multi-site study. 2018 Addiction Health Services Research Conference. 17-19 October 2018. Savannah, GA. [panel]

58. Ellis K*, McLuckie C*, Navon L, Walblay K, Rodriguez C, Jenkins WD, Pho MT, **Zahnd WE**. Mapping the availability of opioid-related resources provided by local health departments. Illinois Public Health Association 77th Annual Conference. 5-7 September 2018. Normal, IL. [poster]
57. Eberth JM, Crouch E, Josey MJ*, **Zahnd W**, Adams SA, Stiles B, Schootman M. Rural-urban differences in access to thoracic surgery in the United States, 2010-2014. Accelerating Rural Cancer Control Research Meeting. 30-31 May 2018. Bethesda, MD. [poster]
56. **Zahnd WE** and Eberth JM. A Conceptual Model for Multilevel Analysis in Rural Cancer Control. Accelerating Rural Cancer Control Research Meeting. 30-31 May 2018. Bethesda, MD. [poster]
55. Mahmood M*, **Zahnd WE**, Ganai S. Spatial analysis of radiation oncology access disparities within Illinois: implications for rural cancer care. 2018 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting. 1-5 June 2018. Chicago, IL. [online only abstract]
54. Rossi M*, Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Ganai S. Rural-Urban Differences in Time to Radiation among Breast Conserving Surgery Patients. 19th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. 2018 May 2-6. Orlando, FL. [poster]
53. Rossi M*, Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Ganai S. Rural-Urban Differences in Time to Radiation among Breast Conserving Surgery Patients. Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. 2018 April 29. Chicago, IL. [oral]
52. Jenkins WD, Watson K, **Zahnd W**, Matthews A, Bailey A, Patera J. Examining the Role of Dissemination and Implementation Science to Improve Lung Cancer Screening in Rural Communities. American Public Health Association 2017 Annual Meeting and Expo. 2017 November 4. Atlanta, GA. [poster]
51. **Zahnd W**, McLafferty S, Sherman R, Farmer S, Klonoff-Cohen H, Rosenblatt K. Spatial Accessibility to Mammography Services in the Lower Mississippi Delta States. Tenth AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2017 September 25-28. Atlanta, GA. [poster]
50. **Zahnd WE**, Rodriguez C, Jenkins WD. Rural-urban differences in human papillomavirus-associated cancer: rates and trends. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American College of Epidemiology. 2017 September 24-28. New Orleans, LA. [poster]
49. Lawrence L*, **Zahnd W**, Sharma A, Javadi P. Laryngeal cancer trends and the Affordable Care Act. American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation Annual Meeting. 2017 September 10-13. Chicago, IL. [oral]
48. **Zahnd W**, James A, Jenkins W, Colditz G, Steward D, Brard L. Cancer Incidence and Trends in Rural and Urban Populations in the United States. North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Conference. 2017 June 16-23. Albuquerque, NM. [oral]
47. **Zahnd W**, Mueller-Luckey G, Sarver J. Utilization of ACS and Other Federal Data to Address Health Disparities in a Federally Designated Region. 2017 American Community Survey Data Users Conference. 2017 May 11-12. Arlington, VA. [oral]
46. Sturm E*, **Zahnd WE**, MacKinney E*, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural-Urban and Regional Differences in Receipt of Esophagectomy for Early-Stage Esophagus Cancer. Digestive Disease Week. 2017 May 6-9. Chicago, IL. [oral]

45. MacKinney E*, **Zahnd WE**, Sturm EC*, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. An Exploration of Regional and Rural-Urban Differences in Pancreas Cancer Surgery. Digestive Disease Week. 2017 May 6-9. Chicago, IL. [poster]
44. Jenkins WD, **Zahnd WE**, Fogleman AJ, Mueller-Luckey GS. Rural Measures and Cancer Disparities Studies: Elucidating Intra-Rural Differences and Future Avenues for Research. Rural Cancer Control: Challenges & Opportunities Research Meeting. 2017 May 4-5. Memphis, TN. [poster]
43. Brard L, Hyon KS*, Izadi SR, Diaz-Sylvester P, **Zahnd WE**, Colditz GA. Rural-Urban Variation in Surgical Treatment, Lymph Node Examination, and Adequate Lymphadenectomy for Endometrial Cancer Patients. Rural Cancer Control: Challenges & Opportunities Research Meeting. 2017 May 4-5. Memphis, TN. [poster]
42. Osiecki KM, Jenkins W, Mueller-Luckey G, **Zahnd W**, Crumly D, Fogleman A, Rodriguez C. Rural Environmental and Health Disparity Measures: Are rural areas inaccurately portrayed and under represented by current indices? Population Association of America 2017 Annual Meeting. 2017 April 27-29. Chicago, IL. [poster]
41. Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Rea D, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Time to Surgery on Rural-Urban Disparities in Breast Cancer. Society for Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium. 2017 March 15-17. Seattle, WA. [poster]
40. Buckley EJ*, **Zahnd W**, Rea D, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Rural-Urban Status on Survival after Mastectomy without Reconstruction versus Mastectomy with Reconstruction. American Society of Breast Surgeons, 18th Annual Meeting. 2017 April 26-30. Las Vegas, NV.[poster]
39. Lanzotti NJ*, **Zahnd WE**, Tseng JF, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Travel Distance on Survival from Early-Stage Breast and Pancreas Cancer. 12th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 2017 February 7-9. Las Vegas, NV. [oral]
38. McDow A*, **Zahnd WE**, Angelos P, Lanzotti N*, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Endocrinologist and Surgeon Density on Thyroid Cancer Survival. 12th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 2017 February 7-9. Las Vegas, NV. [oral]
37. Sturm EC*, **Zahnd WE**, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends in Surgical Decision-Making for Early-Stage Esophageal Cancer. 12th Annual Academic Surgical Congress. 2017 February 7-9. Las Vegas, NV. [oral]
36. Sturm EC*, **Zahnd WE**, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends in Local Excision and Esophagectomy for cT1N0 Esophageal Cancer. 2017 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium. 2017 January 19-21. San Francisco, CA. [poster]
35. Javadi P, Sharma A, **Zahnd W**, Jenkins WD. Disparities in the epidemiology of oral cavity and pharyngeal cancers. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2016 October 29-November 2. Denver, CO. [poster]
34. **Zahnd W**, McQueen A, Lobb R, Diaz-Sylvester P, Brard L. Rural-Urban and Access to Care Differences in Cervical Cancer Stage at Diagnosis. Ninth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2016 September 25-28. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. [poster]
33. **Zahnd WE**, Mueller-Luckey GS, Ratnapradipa K, Smith T. Predictors and Spatial Hotspots of Licensed and Home Kit Radon Testing in Illinois, 2005-2012. 30th Annual International Radon Symposium. 2016 September 18-21. San Diego, CA. [oral]
32. Alanee S, Cheema A*, **Zahnd W**, Dynda D. The impact of insurance status on performance of retroperitoneal lymph node dissection and cancer specific death in patients with non seminomatous germ cell tumors. American Society for Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting. 2016 June 3-7. Chicago, IL. [poster]

31. Alanee S, Clemons J*, **Zahnd W**, Dynda D. Impact of urologist density and county rurality on the practice of retroperitoneal lymph node dissection and cancer specific death in patients with non seminomatous germ cell tumors. American Society for Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting. 2016 June 3-7. Chicago, IL. [poster]
30. Canopy E*, **Zahnd W**, Breslin TM, Rea DJ, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends of the Impact of Rurality on Breast Cancer Surgery. 66th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. 2016 May 18-20. Springfield, IL. [oral]
29. McDow A*, **Zahnd W**, Angelos P, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Impact of Rurality on National Trends in Thyroid Cancer Incidence and Long-term Survival. The American Association of Endocrine Surgeons 37th Annual Meeting. 2016 April 10-12; Baltimore, MD. [poster]
28. Canopy E*, **Zahnd W**, Breslin T, Rea D, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends of the Impact of Rurality on Breast Cancer Surgery. Society for Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium. 2016 March 2-5; Boston, MA. [poster]
27. Sadowski D*, Geiger S*, Mueller G, **Zahnd W**, Alanee S, McVary K. Kidney cancer in rural Illinois: lower incidence yet higher mortality. 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Urologic Oncology. 2015 December 2-4; Washington, DC. [poster]
26. Alanee S, Clemons J*, **Zahnd W**, Sadowski D, Dynda D. Trichloroethylene is associated with kidney cancer mortality: a population-based analysis. 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Urologic Oncology. 2015 December 2-4; Washington, DC. [poster]
25. Sadowski D*, Mueller G, **Zahnd W**, Alanee S, McVary K. Investigating the etiology of kidney cancer disparities in Illinois. 89th Annual Meeting of the North Central Section of the American Urological Association. 2015 November 10-14. Amelia Island, FL. [oral]
24. Canopy E*, **Zahnd W**, Breslin TM, Rea DJ, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. National Trends of the Impact of Rurality on Breast Cancer Surgery. Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU Research Symposium: The Biology and Treatment of Cancers in the Reproductive System. 2015 November 7. Springfield, IL. [poster]
23. **Zahnd W**, Rogers V, Steward D, Smith T, Treadwell D. Gender differences in the effect of socioeconomic disadvantage on overweight/obesity in elementary students. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2015 October 31-November 4; Chicago, IL. [poster]
22. Mueller G, Clayton A*, **Zahnd W**, Hollenbeck K*, Barrow M*, Ruez Jr D, Jenkins WD. Proximity to coal mining activity and cancer risk in Illinois: A geospatial approach. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2015 October 31-November 4. Chicago, IL. [oral]
21. **Zahnd WE** and Mueller GS. Identified Lung Cancer Risks in Rural Illinois: Recent Research and Health Implications. 2015 Illinois Rural Health Association Meeting. 2015 August 13-15. East Peoria, IL. [oral]
20. Regan J*, **Zahnd W**, Kistner B*, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural Disparities in Esophageal Cancer Outcomes based on Distance from Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)-Trained Gastroenterologists. Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. 2015 June 18-20. Peoria, IL. [oral]
19. Sadowski D*, Frye T*, Alanee S, **Zahnd W**, Jenkins W, Dynda D, Mueller G, McVary K. Impact of county rurality and urologist density on urologic cancer mortality in Illinois. American Urologic Association's 2015 Annual Meeting, 2015 May 15-19; New Orleans, LA. [poster]

18. Regan J*, **Zahnd W**, Kistner B*, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Rural disparities in esophageal cancer outcomes based on distance from Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)-Trained gastroenterologists. Digestive Disease Week. 2015 May 16-19; Washington D.C. [poster]
17. **Zahnd W**, Kistner B*, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. The impact of rurality and access to gastroenterologists on disparities in pancreas cancer staging and mortality. The Pancreas Club 49th annual meeting, 2015 Digestive Disease Week. 2015 May 15-16. Washington DC. [oral]
16. Kistner B*, **Zahnd W**, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Exploration of rural disparities in pancreas cancer staging and mortality to incidence ratio in Illinois. Society for Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium. 2015 March 25-28; Houston, TX. [poster]
15. Morgenstern K*, Smith T, **Zahnd W**, Steward D. The Springfield Collaborative for Active Child Health: the development of a student-centered predictive health model for at-risk schools. Association for Prevention Teaching and Research Annual Meeting. 2015 March 15-17; Charleston, SC. [poster]
14. Kistner B*, **Zahnd W**, Ali A, Mellinger JD, Ganai S. Exploration of rural disparities in pancreas cancer staging and mortality to incidence ratio in Illinois. 2015 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium. 2015 January 15-17; San Francisco, CA. [poster]
13. Heitkamp M, Newberry M, Sanders K, Land D, **Zahnd W**, Hamel R*, Ryherd S, Puczynski S, Steward D, Jenkins W. Using CBPR principles in focus groups to address lung cancer disparities in rural southern Illinois. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition. 2014 November 15-19; New Orleans, LA. [poster]
12. **Zahnd WE** and Mueller GS. The Three "R's" of Cancer from Rock Falls to Rushville to Rosiclare: How Cancer Differs across Three Rural Regions of Illinois. 2014 Illinois Rural Health Association Conference. 2014 August 14-15. Effingham, IL. [oral]
11. Smith T, Engle K, **Zahnd W**, Cleer M. Bridging the gap: outcomes from an assessment of nutrition and physical activity habits and knowledge of medical students and parents. Association for Prevention Teaching and Research Annual Meeting. 2014 March 20-21; Washington DC. [poster]
10. Mueller G, **Zahnd WE**, Garner K, Heitkamp R, Jenkins WD, Boehler M, Land D, Steward DE. The "Mini-Report": use of CBPR to create a practical tool to address lung cancer disparities in rural communities. 6th AACR Conference on the Science of Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2013 December 6-9; Atlanta, GA. [poster]
9. **Zahnd WE**, Steward DE, Jenkins WD, Andoh J, Mueller G, Puczynski S. Barriers to completion of a free colorectal cancer screening program in a low-income population. 6th AACR Conference on the Science of Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. 2013 December 6-9; Atlanta, GA. [poster]
8. Reynolds KL, Montgomery L, Klamen DL, Szauter K, Verhulst SJ, **Zahnd W**. Perceptions of medical student-nurse interaction. The Central Group on Educational Affairs meeting. 2013 March 21-23; Cincinnati, OH. [poster]
7. Stehling D*, McAsey ME, Groesch K, **Zahnd WE**, Rodrigo G. Postpartum colposcopy: A review of factors associated with improved patient compliance. Central Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Meeting. 2012 October 17-20; Chicago, IL. [poster]
6. Steward DE, Smith T, Ryherd SJ, Jones M, Germann B, Harris M, Phelps M, Locke A, **Zahnd**

WE. Academic-community-public health collaboration to prevent childhood obesity. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Weight of the Nation Annual Conference. 2012 May 7; Washington, D.C. [poster]

5. Jenkins WD, Kovach R, Wold B, **Zahnd WE.** Utility of a screening questionnaire in the Emergency Department to predict chlamydia and gonorrhea infection. National STD Prevention Conference. 2012 March 12; Minneapolis, MN. [poster]

4. Jenkins WD, Kovach R, **Zahnd WE.** Systematic review of chlamydia and gonorrhea screening in emergency departments. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting; 2010 November 9; Denver, CO. [poster]

3. Rethnam R, Henkle JQ, Hopkins-Price, Scaife S, **Zahnd WE,** Francis M. Survival benefit with pulmonary artery catheter placement in patients with combined sepsis and congestive heart failure compare to patients with only sepsis or heart failure. 38th Critical Care Congress of the Society of Critical Care Medicine. 2009 January 31-February 4; Nashville, TN. [poster]

2. Varghese JJ*, Koneru S, Scaife SL, **Zahnd W,** Rumman S, Francis ML. Clinical implications of the choice of therapy for patients with rheumatoid arthritis and lupus after acute myocardial infarction. 57th Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology. 2008 March 29-April 1; Chicago, IL. [poster]

1. Varghese JJ*, Koneru S, Scaife SL, **Zahnd W,** Francis ML. Improved in-hospital mortality of rheumatoid arthritis patients undergoing coronary revascularization procedures: rheumatoid arthritis paradox. 57th Annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology. 2008 March 29-April 1; Chicago, IL. [poster]

Selected Community-Engaged Presentations

99 Counties Project County-Specific Cancer Presentations (April 2025-Present): Harrison, Monroe, Linn, Winneshiek, Cedar, Johnson, Henry, Adair, Emmet, Clay, Ida, Marion, Delaware, Sioux, Appanoose, Wapello, Calhoun, Floyd, Benton, Dubuque, Scott, Madison, Tama, Grundy, Keokuk, Iowa, Decatur, Fayette, Marshall Counties

Selected Media Coverage

(numbered in chronological order; listed in reverse chronological order)

34. 99 Counties Project Coverage: [quotes from presentations]

33. Good and Game. 26 January 2026. <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/good-and-game-dr-whitney-zahnd-conversation-2-5/id1823220140?i=1000745163794> [podcast interview]

32. Health insurance changes lead to rising costs. *Daily Iowan*. 16 December 2025. <https://dailyiowan.com/2025/12/16/health-insurance-changes-lead-to-rising-costs/> [interview]

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

University of Iowa

HMP 5005: Introduction to Healthcare Organization and Policy; Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

HMP 5230: Population Health; Fall 2024, Fall 2025

HMP 7940: Primary Data and Mixed Methods; Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025

HMP 6570: Seminar in Health Policy; Fall 2023

HMP 6850: Independent Study and Research; Fall 2023

HMP 7390: Independent Research; Fall 2023

HMP 7990: Thesis/Dissertation; Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025

University of South Carolina

EPID 767/867: Geographic Information Systems and Public Health Applications; Fall 2018 (assistant instructor),
Fall 2020 (co-instructor)

SCHC 499: Senior Thesis/Project

Southern Illinois University College of Medicine

FCM 493-Cancer Health Disparities; Fall 2017, Spring 2018

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

CHLH 243: Drug Use and Abuse; Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Summer 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007

Guest Lectures

University of Iowa

CBH 6230: Health Equity, Disparities, and Social Justice; Fall 2025

CPH 1800: Social and Psychological Determinants of Health: Changing Behavior, Improving Health; Fall 2025

CPH 3600: Applied Public Health Methods; Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

CPH 3700: Methods for Program Implementation and Evaluation; Spring 2022, Spring 2023

EPID 6600: Epidemiology of Chronic Diseases; Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2026

HMP 4000: Introduction to the U.S. Healthcare System; Spring 2022, Spring 2023

HMP 6750: Seminar in Health Policy; Fall 2021

MED 8029: Disruptive Forces in Medicine; Fall 2021, Fall 2022

OEH 6110: Rural Health and Agricultural Medicine; Summer 2023; Spring 2024, Spring 2025

University of South Carolina

EPID 410: Principles of Epidemiology; Spring 2020

EPID 746: Cancer Epidemiology; Spring 2019, Spring 2021

EPI 767/867: GIS and Public Health Applications; Fall 2021

EPID 845: Doctoral Seminar; Fall 2019, Spring 2021

HSPM 709: Perspectives in Rural Health; Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025

HSPM 716: Quantitative Methods for Health Administration; Spring 2020

HSPM 719: Health Services Research Methods II; Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Doctoring Course, 2009-2011

MS Year 2 Hematology, Infections, and Immunology Unit, Fall 2017

MS Year 2, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, and Renal Unit, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

MS Year 1, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, and Renal Unit, Fall 2017

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville School of Pharmacy

PHEL 792-Pharmacy & Population Health; Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy

PHRM 5202- Health Care Systems and Socioeconomics; Spring 2020

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

CHLH 250-Health Care Systems, Fall 2015

Continuing Education Online Modules

1. "Radon Module: Predictors & Spatial Variation of Radon Testing in Illinois", 0.75 Continuing Education Credits for physicians, mid-level providers, nurses, respiratory therapists, radon technicians.

<https://www.highmarksce.com/siumed/index.cfm?do=ev.viewEnduring&attendeelD=-1&eventID=4351>

STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION/ADVISEMENT/MENTORSHIP/COMMITTEES

Academic Advising

19 MHA students (11 graduated, 8 current)

5 MPH students (4 graduated, 1 current)

2 PhD students (1 graduated, 1 current)

Dissertation, Thesis, and Capstone Committees

2 students' PhD dissertation committee, chair (1 graduated, 1 ongoing)

15 students' PhD dissertation committee member (8 graduated, 7 ongoing)

1 student's MSPH thesis committee, member (1 graduated)

2 students' MS capstone committee chair (2 graduated)

1 student's MS capstone committee member (1 graduated)

1 student's honors college undergraduate thesis committee chair (1 graduated)

Comprehensive Exam Committees

2 students' PhD comprehensive exam committee chair (1 graduated, 1 current)

12 students' PhD comprehensive exam committee member (6 graduated, 6 current)

Other mentorship activities

1 investigator's K01 grant co-mentor

2 F31 dissertation grants co-mentor (1 completed, 1 ongoing)

1 Summer Cancer Undergraduate Research Program student mentor (1 completed)

1 Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates (ICRU) Fellowship Mentor (1 completed)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Institutional Committees and Activities (University of Iowa)

HMP PhD Admissions Committee	2025-present
Ulowa College of Public Health Cancer Faculty Search Committee	2025-present
Summer Healthcare Experience (SHE) in Oncology Review Panel	2025
Iowa Cancer Research Experience (ICARE) Program Application Review Committee	2025
Ulowa College of Public Health Associate Dean for Research Search Committee	2024
Ohio State University First Year Health Administration Case Competition Faculty Advisor	2024,2025
Global Public Health Case Competition Faculty Advisor	2024
Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Retreat Planning Committee Chair	2023-2024
HMP Academic Programs Quality Improvement Committee	2023-present
Public Health Research Council (<i>Chair; 2025-present</i>)	2023-present
MHA Quality Improvement Committee (<i>CAMHE accreditation subcommittee co-chair; 2025-present</i>)	2022-present
Student Association for Rural Health Faculty Advisor	2022-present

Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Emerging Leaders Council	2022-present
HMP Faculty Search Committee	2022-2024
HMP Doctoral Preliminary Examination Committee	2022-present
Global Public Health Case Competition Writing Group	2022-2023
MPH Program Working Group	2022-present
MHA Admissions Committee	2021-present
MPH in Policy Admission Committee	2021-present
Member, College of Public Health Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee	2021-2025
(<i>DEI Scholarship Subcommittee, DEI Curriculum and Pedagogy Subcommittee</i>)	2022-2025
Ad hoc HMP Awards Committee	2021-present
Judge, Research Week Student Flash Presentations	2021

Institutional Committees and Activities (University of South Carolina)

Reviewer, Clemson University/University of South Carolina COVID-19 Challenge	Summer 2020
Co-Director, Big Data Health Science Center Geospatial Core	2020-2021
Member, Big Data Health Science Center Geospatial Core	2019-2021
Member, Magellan Scholar Review Committee	Fall 2019
Social Media Coordinator, Rural & Minority Health Research Center	2018-2021

Institutional Committees and Activities (SIU School of Medicine)

Social Media Coordinator, Office of Population Science and Policy	2017-2018
Member, Community Engagement Team, Office of Population Science and Policy	2017-2018
Member, Internal Subcommittee of the Community Health Policy Committee	2016-2017
Member, Minors on Campus Task Force	2015-2016
Chair, Research and Evaluation Subcommittee of the Community Health Policy Committee	2015
Member, Community Health Policy Committee	2013-2017
Member, Collaboration to Reduce Lung Cancer Disparities in the Southern Illinois Delta Region Steering Committee	2012-2015
Member, Research and Evaluation Subcommittee of the Community Health Policy Committee	2011-2015
Member, Springfield Collaborative for Active Child Health	2010-2016
Member, Internal Medicine Cabinet	2009-2010

External Committees and Activities

Member, American Association of Cancer Institutes' Presidential Initiative Working Group	2026-present
Chair, National Rural Health Association Research and Education Constituency Group	2025-present
Member, National Rural Health Association Board of Trustees	2025-present
Member, Healthy Iowans Steering Committee	2024-present
Member, National Rural Health Association Rural Health Policy Congress	2023-present
Member, SMARTER CRC External Advisory Board	2022-2024
Member, St. Jude's Rural HPV Vaccination Think Tank	2022-present
Board Member, Iowa Rural Health Association	2021-present
(<i>Secretary-2022-2023; President-2023-2024; Past President-2024-present</i>)	
Member, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Steering Committee	2021-2025
Co-chair, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Rural Cancer Workgroup	2021-2024
Member, Scientific Review Committee for AACR 14 th Annual Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved	2021
Member, Planning Committee for AACR 14 th Annual Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved	2021
Member, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Social Deprivation Interest Group	2021-2024

Member, National Rural Health Association Research and Education Constituency Group	2020-present
Member, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network Rural Cancer Workgroup	2018-2024
Member, South Carolina Cancer Alliance HPV Vaccination Workgroup	2018-2021
Facilitator, Illinois Cancer Partnership, State Cancer Plan Prevention Sub Workgroup	2016
Member, Illinois Cancer Partnership, State Cancer Plan Early Detection Sub Workgroup	2016
Member, Data Safety Monitoring Committee, Phase I Study of MK-3475 in Combination with BCG for Patients with High-Risk Superficial Bladder Cancer	2016-2018
Member, Illinois Cancer Partnership, State Cancer Plan Work Group	2015-2016
Student Member, Interprofessional Student Hotspotting Learning Collaborative (Southern Illinois University team)	2015-2016
Member, Southern Illinois Healthcare, Community Health Needs Assessment Cancer Implementation Team	2015
Member, St. John's Hospital Childhood Obesity Program	2015-2016

Editorial and Review Activities

Editorial Boards

Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Rural Health</i> (<i>Editorial Board Chair</i>)	2021-present 2023-present
Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Rural Mental Health</i>	2025-present
Board of Statisticians, <i>Journal of Urology</i>	2018-2019

Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer

American Journal of Epidemiology, American Journal of Law & Medicine, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Annals of Epidemiology, BMC Health Services Research, BMJ Open, Cancer, Cancer Causes & Control, Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention, Cancer Medicine, Demography, Evaluation and Program Planning, Health Affairs, Health & Place, Health Promotion Practice, Health Services Research, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, JAMA Network Open Journal of Clinical Oncology, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, JCO Oncology Practice, Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Journal of Rural Health, Journal of Thoracic Oncology, Milbank Quarterly, Preventing Chronic Disease, Preventive Medicine, Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy, Social Science & Medicine, Supportive Care in Cancer

Grant Reviewer

American Cancer Society	2025
Swiss National Science Foundation	2024
Early Career Reviewer, NIH Cancer, Heart, Sleep Epidemiology B Study Section	February 2022
University of Iowa College of Public Health Business Leadership Network Community Grant Program	2022
University of South Carolina Big Data Health Science Center Pilot Grant Program	2021,2022
University of South Carolina Big Data Health Science Center Health GIS Scholars Program	2021
Yorkshire Cancer Research	2016

Abstract Reviewer

National Rural Health Association Annual Conference	2021-2025
North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Conference	2019-2021
American Public Health Association Epidemiology Section	2017

Professional Memberships

Member, Iowa Public Health Association	2023-present
Member, Association of University Programs of Health Administration	2022-present

Member, Iowa Cancer Consortium	2021-present
Member, Iowa Rural Health Association	2021-present
Member, National Rural Health Association	2019-present
Associate member, American Association for Cancer Research	2016-2021
Member, Illinois Cancer Partnership	2015-2017
Student member, American Public Health Association	2015-2016
Member, North American Association of Central Cancer Registries	2014-2020
Member, Illinois Rural Health Association	2013-2018
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES	
Coach, Coralville Parks and Recreation 3 rd /4 th Grade Girls' Basketball	2024-2025
Pen Pal, Letters to a Pre-Scientist Program	2019-2020
Co-Leader, Hands-On Healthcare	2017-2018
Co-Leader, Healthcare Explorers of Central Illinois	2016-2017
Member, DuBois Elementary School Wellness Committee	2015-2016
Lead Adviser, Medical Explorers Post 998	2009-2016
Community-Based Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region	2007-2015