

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### POSITION

- 2023-Present      Assistant Professor, Health Services Policy and Management, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina
- 2022-2023      Trainee, University of California San Francisco, Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) 2.0
- 2021-2023      Postdoctoral Fellow (NIH T32), University of California San Francisco (UCSF), Cardiovascular Research Institute, Center for Tobacco Control Research & Education

### EDUCATION

- 2015-2021      Ph.D. Health Services and Policy, University of Iowa
- 2014-2015      Continuing Research, Health Policy, Security, and Comparative Politics, Wright State University
- 2006-2008      M.A. Political Science, University of New Hampshire
- 2005      Institute for Recruitment of Teachers, Phillips Academy Andover
- 2003-2006      B.A. Religion and English Literature, Wright State University
- 1999-2003      Business Administration, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University

### EXPERIENCE

#### Department of Health Management & Policy, College of Public Health, University of Iowa

- 2019-2021      Investigator, *Cannabis and End-of-Life Study*

2018-2019 Project Manager, *Cannabis and Older Persons Study*  
2015-2021 Graduate Research Assistant  
2017-2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant

**Wright State University, Boonshoft School of Medicine, SARDI Center for Interventions, Treatment & Addictions Research**

2014-2015 Program Manager, *Real Talk Electronic Applied Prevention Program*  
2012-2015 Program Evaluator, *Substance Testing & Education Program Using Prevention*  
2012-2014 Program Evaluator, *50+ Prevention Program*  
2012-2014 Program Evaluator, *Tobacco Education and Prevention Program*

**The Fenway Institute, Fenway Community Health Center, Boston, MA**

2011 Associate Coordinator, *NIDA Urban Health Pharmacy Study*  
2010-2011 Senior Research Associate, *NIH HPTN 061, Project SOS*  
2011 Research Associate, Fenway Health, *Project Web*  
2011 Lead Interviewer, *BPHC Substance Abuse Services Youth Survey*

**University of New Hampshire (UNH), Durham, NH**

2007-2008 Outreach & Education Associate, UNH Student Health Services  
2006-2008 Graduate Assistant, Graduate School Dean's Office  
2006-2008 Research Assistant, President's Working Group on Affordable Housing  
2006-2008 Research Associate, UNH Survey Research Center

**City of Dayton, Community Reinvestment Institute, Dayton, OH**

2004-2006 Research Associate

## Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU), Tallahassee, FL

1999-2003 Assistant, Dean's Office, School of Business & Industry

## RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

### FUNDING AWARDS

- 2022 NIH Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research [PA-21-071]
- 2021 Iowa HMP Open Access Publishing Fee Support Award
- 2021 The Bonnie J. and Douglas S. Wakefield Award for Research
- 2017 Iowa Diversity Catalyst Seed Grant (LGBT Advocates for Health)
- 2015, 2016 Iowa CPH Diversity Fellowship
- 2004 Robert B. Dorris, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in Religion, WSU
- 1999 Presidential Scholar, Florida A&M University
- 1999 National Achievement Scholar

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Croker JA**, Bobitt J, Arora K, Kaskie B. "Cannabis and palliative care utilization among non-terminal cancer patients in the Illinois Medical Cannabis Program." *Psychoactives*. 2023. 2(1):52-65. DOI:10.3390/psychoactives2010004.
2. **Croker JA**, Werts M, Couch ET, Chaffee BW. "Cannabis use among adolescents and emerging adults who use e-cigarettes: Findings from an online, national U.S. sample." *Addictive Behaviors*. 2023. May;140:107620. DOI:10.1016/j.addbeh.2023.107620. Epub 2023 Jan 20. PMID:36724700.
3. Chaffee BW, Halpern-Felsher B, **Croker JA**, Werts M, Couch ET, Cheng J. "Preferences, use, and perceived access to flavored e-cigarettes among United States adolescents and young adults." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports*. 2022. 3:100068. DOI:10.1016/j.dadr.2022.100068. PMID:35757567; PMCID:PMC9224229.
4. **Croker JA**, Bobitt J, Arora K, Kaskie B. "Medical Cannabis and utilization of non-hospice palliative care services: complements and alternatives at end-of-life." *Innovations*

*in Aging*. 2022. 6(1):1-15. DOI:10.1093/geroni/igab048. PMID:35047709; PMCID:PMC8759444.

5. Nataliansyah MM, Mohr NM, Merchant K, **Croker JA**, Zhu X, Marcin J, Rahmouni H, Ward M. "Managing innovation: a qualitative study on the delivery of telehealth service in rural emergency departments." *BMC Health Services Research*. 2022. Jul 02; 22(1):852. DOI:10.1186/s12913-022-08271-0. PMID:35780165; PMCID:PMC9250734.
6. **Croker JA**, Bobitt J, Sanders S, Arora K, Mueller K, Kaskie B. "Cannabis and end-of-life care: A snapshot of hospice planning and experiences among Illinois medical cannabis patients with a terminal diagnosis." *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care*. 2021:1-8. DOI:10.1177/10499091211018655. PMID:34002633.
7. **Croker JA**, Bobitt JL, Arora K, Kaskie, B. "Assessing health related outcomes of medical cannabis users in older adults: Findings from Illinois and Colorado." *Clinical Gerontologist*. 2021. 44(1):66-79. DOI:10.1080/07317115.2020.1797971. PMID:32842935.
8. Bobitt J, Kang H, **Croker JA**, Quintero Silva L, Kaskie B. "Use of cannabis and opioids for chronic pain by older adults: Distinguishing clinical and contextual influences." *Drug and Alcohol Review*. 2020. DOI:10.1111/dar.13080. PMID:32469109.
9. Arora K, Qualls SH, Bobitt JL, Lum HD, Milavetz G, **Croker JA**, Kaskie B. "Measuring attitudes toward medical and recreational cannabis among older adults in Colorado." *Gerontologist*. 2019. 60(4):e232-e241. DOI:10.1093/geront/gnz054. PMID:31087043.
10. Lum HD, Arora K, **Croker JA**, Qualls SH, Schuchman M, Bobitt J, Milavetz G, Kaskie B. "Patterns of marijuana use and health impact: A survey among older Coloradans." *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*. 2019. 5:1-9. DOI:10.1177/2333721419843707. PMID:31065574; PMCID:PMC6487769.

## NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Croker JA**. "Medical Cannabis across the Supportive Care Continuum: Complements and Alternatives for Hospice and Palliative Care." The University of Iowa ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2021. 28410259.
2. **Croker JA**, Sanders S. "The Role of Cannabis in Improving Pain and Symptom Management in End-of-Life Care." *Public Policy & Aging Report*. 2019. 29(3):95-100. DOI:10.1093/ppar/prz014.
3. **Croker JA**. (2008). "Peace on G-d's Terms: The Ideological Project of Christian Zionism." *Master's Theses and Capstones*. 72. <https://scholars.unh.edu/thesis/72>.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

### **Teaching Assistant Experience**

- 2017, 2018 HMP:5005 *Intro to Health Organization and Policy*
- 2019 CPH:2400 *U.S. Healthcare System in a Global Context*

### **Mentoring Experience**

- 2012-2015 WSU Bolinga Center Ujima Mentee Program
- 2006-2008 UNH McNair Opportunities Program

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 “Psychosocial Distress and the Co-use of Tobacco, Cannabis, and Alcohol among LGBT People of Color: Preliminary findings from the PATH Study.” Seminar on Tobacco and Related Substances, San Francisco, CA. San Francisco, CA. (April)
- 2023 “Adolescents’ E-Cigarette Curiosity and Willingness Following FDA Product Authorization.” Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. San Antonio, TX. (March)
- 2023 “Different Points of ‘Vuse’: E-Cigarette Curiosity and Willingness among Rural Adolescents in California Following FDA Retail Authorization.” It’s About a Billion Lives Symposium. University of California, San Francisco. (January)
- 2022 “Polysubstance Use Among Adolescents and Emerging Adults: Updates and Next Steps in Research.” UCSF Seminar on Tobacco and Related Substances, San Francisco, CA. (November)
- 2022 "Cannabis Use in a National Survey of Adolescent and Emerging Adult E-Cigarette Users." UCSF Seminar on Tobacco and Related Substances, San Francisco, CA. (February)
- 2022 "The Risks of Heavy Cannabis Use among Teens who Vape." UCSF Center for Tobacco Control Research & Education Annual Scientific Retreat - 2022, San Francisco, CA. (April)
- 2021 "Medical Cannabis Across the Supportive Care Continuum: Complements and Alternatives for Terminally Diagnosed and Seriously Ill Patients." Gerontological Society of America – 2021 Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ. (November)

- 2019 “Assessing Health Related Outcomes of Medical Cannabis Users in Older Adults: Findings from Illinois and Colorado.” Gerontological Society of America 2019 Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX. (November)
- 2018 “The Expansion of Medicaid and Disparities in the Proliferation of Treatment as Prevention for HIV.” Midwest Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. (April)
- 2014 “Life on the Yard: Reducing the Risks of STIs and Substance Abuse among African American College Students.” (*Conference Paper*) 142<sup>nd</sup> APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition. (November)
- 2014 "Real Talk Prevention: Effectively Reaching Those on Campus at Most Risk." 2014 United States Conference on AIDS (USCA), San Diego, CA, (October)
- 2014 “Life of on the Yard: Creating Safe Space for Black MSM in HBCUs”, NASPA Alcohol, Other Drug & Violence Prevention Conference, San Diego, CA. (January)
- 2012 "Promoting Policies that Promote Prevention for Young Black MSM." USCA Preconference Roundtable on YBMSM, Las Vegas, NV. (September)
- 2008 "Israel as a Rentier State", UNH Graduate Research Conference, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH. (April)
- 2006 "Religion and Politics in India: Hindutva and the BJP", Guest Lecture for Dayton Model UN Conference. (March)
- 2004 "Thinking Beyond Race - Student Response to Prof. Lani Guinier." Defining Affirmative Action Symposium, Wright State University, Dayton, OH. (May)
- 2002 “Beyond ‘Good’ and ‘Evil’: Moral Philosophy and the Amoral Market”, FAMU Department of Philosophy and Religion Annual Conference. (May)

## **SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS**

### **University Service**

- 2023-Present MHA Program Committee, HSPM, USC
- 2023-Present USC Faculty Senate, Department Representative
- 2022-2023 UCSF Tobacco Regulatory Sciences Journal Club, Co-Lead
- 2016-2021 University of Iowa College of Public Health Diversity Committee
- 2019 Advisor, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, LGBT Clinic Advisory Board

- 2019 Panelist, “Promoting LGBT Equity in Rural Healthcare Delivery.” University of Iowa, ISAHL. Iowa City, IA. (March)
- 2018 University of Iowa HMP Team Captain (*Finalists*), 23rd Everett V. Fox Student Case Competition – National Association of Health Service Executives Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. (October)
- 2017 University of Iowa College of Public Health Global Health Committee
- 2017 University of Iowa HMP Team Captain (*Semi-Finalists*), 22<sup>nd</sup> Everett V. Fox Student Case Competition – National Association of Health Service Executives Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX. (October)
- 2016-2019 University of Iowa LGBT Advocates for Public Health Equity, Founding Chair
- 2015-2019 Academy Health, University of Iowa Student Chapter
- 2015-2017 University of Iowa CPH Graduate Student Association, HMP Department Representative
- 2006-2008 UNH Model United Nations (NMUN), Secretary General and Parliamentarian, (Distinguished Delegation – *Tanzania*, 2007), National Model United Nations Conference, New York, NY.
- 2006-2008 UNH Stonewall Grads, Founding Co-Chair
- 2006-2008 UNH President's Commission on Status of People of Color
- 2005-2006 WSU Student Government, Director of Diversity Affairs
- 2004-2006 WSU Campus Activity Fee Funding Committee
- 2004-2006 WSU Affirmative Action Committee
- 2004-2006 Dean of the College of Liberal Arts’ Student Advisory Panel
- 2004-2006 WSU National Model United Nations (NMUN) Team, (Distinguished Delegation – *India*, 2006; Outstanding Delegation – *France*; 2005; Outstanding Delegation – *Italy; Médecins Sans Frontières*; 2004) National Model United Nations Conference, New York, NY.
- 2004-2005 WSU NMUN Writing Team, (Outstanding Position Paper, *France*, 2005) National Model United Nations Conference, New York, NY.
- 2001-2003 FAMU Honda Campus All-Stars Academic Brain Bowl Team

## **Service to Profession**

- 2023 Member, American Public Health Association
- 2023 Member, South Carolina Public Health Association
- 2023 Member, National Association of Health Services Executives
- 2023 Reviewer, *BMC Nursing*
- 2022-2023 Member, CASEL TRS Journal Club Planning Committee
- 2022 Reviewer, *BMC Primary Care*
- 2022 Reviewer, *Journal of Adolescent Health*
- 2022 Reviewer, *Journal of Addictions*
- 2021 Panel Moderator, “The Role of the Arts and Cultural Capital in Rural Innovation and Entrepreneurship.” Rural Policy Research Institute – 2021 Cultural Wealth Conference, (Virtual), February 2021.
- 2021 Reviewer, *Clinical Gerontologist*
- 2021 Reviewer, *Supportive Care in Cancer*
- 2021 Abstract Reviewer, Health Equity Research Track, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) Annual Scientific Meeting
- 2020 Reviewer, *Clinical Gerontologist*
- 2019 Reviewer, *AIDS and Behavior*
- 2017 Moderator, Future Directions in LGBT Public Health Symposium, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. (April)
- 2008 Chair, Panel on Political Theory, UNH Undergraduate Research Conference.

## **Public Service**

- 2012-2015 Member & Technical Advisor, Ohio Rural AIDS Advisory Group
- 2012-2015 Technical Advisor, Montgomery County Combined Health District
- 2013-2015 Technical Advisor, Ohio Department of Health Community Planning Group,



- 2012-2014 Vice Chair, National Black Treatment Advocates Network (NBTAN), Policy Committee
- 2013-2014 Vice Chair, NBTAN Community Engagement Committee,
- 2014-2015 Chair, NBTAN Policy Committee

## **OTHER RESEARCH AND SERVICE AWARDS**

- 2015 Commitment to Service and Community, Central State University
- 2008 UNH Presidential Commendation of High Achievement in Research
- 2008 UNH Department of Political Science Faculty Award
- 2008 Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Strength in Community Award
- 2007 UNH Graduate Student Organization Community Development Award
- 2004-2006 Ohio House of Representatives Commendations for Excellence
- 2004-2006 Presidential Commendations for Excellence, WSU