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Education

Yale University School of Public Health | Currently enrolled, Ph.D. Candidate

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

New Haven, CT

Dissertation Committee: Trace Kershaw, Zeyan Liew, E. Jennifer Edelman

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health | M.P.H. awarded May 2008

Department of Sociomedical Sciences

New York, NY

Yale University | B.A. awarded May 2003

Department of Psychology, Behavioral Neuroscience Track

New Haven, CT

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Published

Viera, A., Bromberg, D.J., Whittaker, S., Refsland, B.M., Stanojlovic, M., Nyhan, K., & Altice, F.L. (2020). Adherence to and Retention in Medications for Opioid Use Disorder among Adolescents and Young Adults. *Epidemiol Rev.* doi:10.1093/epirev/mxaa001

Raymond, M., Bogdanovich, L., Brahmi, D., Cardinal, L.J., Fager, G.L., Frattarelli, L.C., Hecker, G., Jarpe, E.A., **Viera, A.**, Kantor, L.M., & Santelli, J.S. (2008). State Refusal of Federal Funding for Abstinence-Only Education. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 5 (3): 44-55.

Under Review

Viera, A., Gotham, H., Cheng, A., Carlson, K., & Witt, J. Barriers and Challenges to Making Referrals for Treatment and Services for Opioid Misuse in Family Planning Settings, under review at *Journal of Women's Health*

In Progress

Viera, A., Sosnowy, C.D., van der Berg, J.J., Mehta, N.A., Edelman, E.J., Kershaw, T., & Chan, P.A. Treatment Entry and Engagement in Men Who Have Sex with Men Who Use Methamphetamine or Other Stimulants in the Northeastern United States, to be submitted to *Drug & Alcohol Dependence*

Viera, A., Grau, L.E., Farnum, S.O., Tetrault, J.M., Fisher, J.D., Scott, G., & Heimer, R. Development and pilot-testing of a hepatitis C reinfection prevention intervention for patients in treatment for hepatitis C infection, to be submitted to *Harm Reduction Journal*

Grants

NIH F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (1F31AA028992; \$106,304)

NIH T32 Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (5T32MH020031; \$47,220)

Awards

2020 College on Problems of Drug Dependence Travel Award
2019 Clinton Global Initiative University
2019 Yale School of Public Health Conference Fund Travel Award
2019 Yale School of Public Health Teaching Fellow Award

Research Experience

Yale University School of Public Health

New Haven, CT

Research Assistant, Jen Edelman Lab

September 2020 to present

Develop and support implementation of a stepped care intervention

- Support Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Type I research study of stepped care contingency management to pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention (PrEP) navigation (CM2PN) intervention to reduce HIV risk among persons who inject drugs

Yale University School of Public Health

New Haven, CT

Research Assistant, Robert Heimer Lab

July 2019 to June 2020

Developed and supported pilot intervention to prevent hepatitis C reinfection among persons currently in treatment for HCV

- Managed and supported three research staff on projects
- Conducted survival analysis examining time to treatment initiation, re-arrest, and non-fatal and fatal overdose after release among individuals with opioid use disorder who received or did not receive methadone while in prison
- Conducted geospatial mapping and analysis of association between overdose deaths and proximity to highway ramps

Yale University School of Public Health

New Haven, CT

Student Researcher, Trace Kershaw Lab (ENRICH)

July 2017 to present

Developed interview and focus group scripts to assess substance use and use of smart phones among persons in treatment for alcohol use disorder

- Informed development of data collection instrument for project assessing the role of social networks, space, and place in recovery from alcohol use disorder following treatment release
- Conducted semi-structured interviews and analysis to inform development of intervention to increase PrEP uptake among men who have sex with men who use crystal meth
- Recruited participants for semi-structured interviews on experience with crystal meth and PrEP

Yale University School of Medicine

New Haven, CT

Student Researcher, Program for Recovery and Community Health

December 2017 to June 2019

Drafted manuscript on peer coaching for substance use in emergency rooms

- Informed development of survey instrument to assess effectiveness of peer coaching and induction on medications for opioid use disorders in emergency rooms
- Conducted preliminary evaluation of peer coaching program

Professional Experience

Spectrum Public Health Consulting

Independent Consultant

April 2012 to present

UMKC- Contributed to writing of manual on providing hepatitis C treatment in opioid treatment programs

EDC- Piloted training of facilitators and training of trainers for [Sin Buscar Excusas/ No Excuses](#)

Altarum Institute- Developed meeting report for HHS consultation on [Hepatitis C Virus in Young Persons Who Inject Drugs](#)

- *Altarum Institute-* Compiled literature reviews to support blog postings on viral hepatitis in [various communities](#); consulted with organizations interested in establishing peer recovery programs
- *Cicatelli Associates-* Developed and facilitated training on HIV, substance use, and harm reduction, primarily in clinical settings
- *Harlem United-* Developed training curriculum and materials to train peer health educators to act as health navigators
- *Harm Reduction Coalition-* Facilitated training on multiple topics related to HIV and harm reduction; developed peer curriculum
- *New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene-* Developed scripts for four-part video series on PrEP for providers
- *St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Spencer Cox Center for Health-* Developed podcast scripts for clinical staff on HIV-related topics, including [STD screening](#), [treatment of HIV in transgender patients](#), [PrEP](#), acute HIV infection, and DSRIP; delivered training on cultural competency to hospital staff
- *Treatment Action Group-* Developed focus group protocol, facilitated focus groups with community members on the topic of PrEP and PEP for HIV prevention, conducted qualitative analysis

Altarum Institute

Project Director/Technical Assistance Provider

August 2013 to August 2017

CDC Capacity Building Assistance Provider Network Resource Center

Developed strategic plan for 11 institutions providing capacity building assistance services for CBOs

- Served as Network liaison for the Resource Center
- Organized and facilitated online and in-person network meetings
- Marketed Network services at national conferences and meeting
- Coordinated logistics for Network webinars and in-person events

Recovery Community Services Project & Targeted Capacity Expansion Peer-to-Peer Project

Conducted site visits with 14 grantees to assess program and organizational strengths, capacity building needs

- Provide training and technical assistance to grantee organizations
- Organize and facilitate grantee in-person and monthly web meetings along with the evaluation community of practice
- Design and facilitate needs assessment activities
- Develop training curricula and technical assistance materials on topics of interest

Multi-Sectoral Partnerships

Assisted with logistics and note-taking for in-person meeting of the 19 AAALI partners

- Supported partnership and work plan development for Act Against AIDS Leadership Initiative
- Coordinated planning webinars in advance of HIV/AIDS Awareness Days

Harm Reduction Coalition

Co-Director of Capacity Building Assistance

New York, NY

July 2011 to December 2012

Developed and monitored work plans and program budgets for four government-funded programs, including one federally-funded program

- Managed \$1.1 million federal cooperative agreement with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Hired, trained, supervised, and evaluated six program managers
- Developed and implemented strategic plan to map department goals, objectives, and activities
- Wrote and prepared proposals/grant applications for foundation and government funding
- Developed and updated personnel policies and procedures

Senior Capacity Building Assistance Specialist

June 2008 to June 2011

Coordinated the development of a series of four video PSAs directed towards young persons who use drugs – [After Party](#)

- Conducted needs assessments to inform the development of action plans for CBA service delivery
- Provided capacity building assistance services (e.g., training, TA) to community-based organizations and health departments
- Conducted strategic planning with CBOs around enhancing organizational capacity
- Developed training curricula and materials, as needed

Teaching Experience

Yale University

Program Co-Coordinator, Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

Spring 2019 to present

- Coordinate workshops on best practices in pedagogy, facilitated by a team of 17 graduate and professional school students (Fellows) across the university
- Organize biweekly meetings and other professional development activities for Fellows

Graduate Fellow, Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

Fall 2018 to Spring 2019

- Conducted workshops, observations, and consultations on best practices in pedagogy with graduate and professional students and post-doctoral fellows across the university

Teaching Fellow, Questionnaire Development (CDE 676/SBS 676)

Spring 2019

Teaching Fellow, Social and Cultural Factors in Mental Health and Illness (CDE 573/SBS 573)

Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Teaching Fellow, Accelerated Social and Behavioral Foundations of Health (CDE505/SBS 505)

Summer 2018

Columbia University School of Social Work

Adjunct Instructor, Social Work Practice in the AIDS Epidemic (T7307)
Winter 2013 through Spring 2017

Adjunct Instructor, Harm Reduction with People who Inject Drugs (T7134)
Spring 2017

Professional Service and Affiliations

2020 to present	Reviewer, Substance Abuse
2020 to present	Reviewer, BMC Public Health
2020 to present	Reviewer, AIDS & Behavior
2019 to present	Advisory Board, National Clinical Training Center on Family Planning
2019 to present	Member, Society for Implementation Research Collaboration
2018 to present	Member, American Public Health Association
2011 to 2013	<i>Member, American Evaluation Association (former)</i>
2012	<i>Reviewer, American Journal of Public Health (former)</i>
2012	<i>Community Advisory Board, AIDS Project Los Angeles Shared Action</i>

Presentations and Speaking Engagements

Invited Talks

- 2020** “Perceptions and Experiences of Substance Use Treatment among Men Who Have Sex With Men Who Use Crystal Methamphetamine”, webinar for Northwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center
- 2018** “Taking an Inclusive Sexual History Taking”, workshop at the National Reproductive Health Conference
- 2015** “Capacity Building Assistance Network”, oral presentation at the National HIV Prevention Conference
- “Proactive Strategies for Addressing Facilitation Challenges”, workshop at the Program Collaboration and Service Integration Trainers Forum at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 2014** “Integrating Primary Care, Substance Use Disorder Services and HIV Prevention and Treatment”, Ignite presentation at the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network Meeting
- 2011** “LGBTQ Communities and HIV/AIDS”, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute meeting

Oral Presentations

- 2020** “Perceptions and Experiences of Substance Use Treatment among Men Who Have Sex With Men Who Use Crystal Methamphetamine”, accepted abstract for oral presentation at College on Problems of Drug Dependence Conference
- 2019** “Addressing Substance Use in Family Planning Settings”, oral presentation at AMERSA Conference

- 2015** “Disrupting Silos: Cross-Sector Conversations to Strengthen Linkage and Engagement in HIV Care Outcomes”, roundtable discussion at the National HIV Prevention Conference
- “Peer Practice, A View from the Addiction Recovery Side”, panel moderator at the 9th Annual Conference for NYC Working Peer Specialists
- “Practicing What We Preach- Integrating Capacity Building to Promote Integrated Sexual Health Services”, roundtable discussion at the National Sexual Health Conference
- 2013** “Is Your Organization Really LGBT Friendly? Assessing and Building Organizational LGBT Cultural Competency”, oral presentation at Culturally Relevant Evaluation and Assessment Conference
- 2012** “Culturally-Responsive Harm Reduction”, panel moderator at National Harm Reduction Conference
- “M&E for ME- Building Organizational Capacity to Meaningfully Evaluate Programs and Use Data”, oral presentation at American Evaluation Association Conference
- “Is Your Organization Really LGBT Friendly? Building and Assessing LGBTQ Cultural Competency”, oral presentation at American Evaluation Association Conference
- “DEBI Downer: Maintaining Program Sustainability in Changing Times”, roundtable presentation at United States Conference on AIDS
- 2011** “Program Collaboration and Service Integration with Drug Users”, oral presentation at United States Conference on AIDS
- “HIV Risk and Sex Under the Influence in Young African American and Latino Communities”, oral presentation at United States Conference on AIDS
- “Monitoring and Evaluation Following a Harm Reduction Philosophy”, oral presentation at American Evaluation Association Conference
- “Assessing Your Agency’s Capacity to Serve Injecting Drug Users”, oral presentation at American Evaluation Association Conference
- “Intimate Partner Violence and HIV Prevention with LGBT People of Color”, oral presentation at National LGBTI Health Summit
- “Sexy Harm Reduction- Using Harm Reduction to Address Sexual Risk with MSM Drug Users and Their Partners”, oral presentation at National LGBTI Health Summit
- 2010** “Intimate Partner Violence and HIV Prevention with LGBT People of Color”, oral presentation at United States Conference on AIDS
- 2009** “Forgotten Population in HIV Prevention- Beyond the DL- Black/African-American Men Who Have Sex with Women”, oral presentation at APHA Annual Meeting (Abstract Number 208877)
- “Sexy Harm Reduction- Using Harm Reduction to Address Sexual Risk with African American & Black MSM Drug Users and Their Partners”, oral presentation at National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS

2008 “The Forgotten Population in HIV Prevention- Beyond the DL: Black/African American Men Who Have Sex with Women”, Institute for United States Conference on AIDS

Poster Presentations

2020 “Substance Use Treatment Perceptions and Experiences among Men who Have Sex with Men who Use Stimulants in the Northeastern United States” at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Scientific Meeting

“Implementation Factors in Expanding Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in the Criminal Justice System: A Systematic Review” at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Scientific Meeting

“Mortality Risk Following Naltrexone Discontinuation: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” at ASAM Virtual Meeting

2019 “Addressing Opioid Use Disorders in Title X Family Planning Clinics” at the Title X Grantee Meeting

2010 “Assessing Agency Capacity to Serve Injecting Drug Users” at the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit

Technical Skills and Certifications

Fluency in Spanish (both speaking and writing)

Proficiency in Italian (both speaking and writing)

Proficiency in the use of R, SAS, SPSS, Dedoose, NVivo, ArcGIS, and QGIS

Certified trainer and facilitator for multiple CDC evidence-based interventions and public health strategies for HIV prevention

- VOICES/VOCES
- Safety Counts
- SHIELD
- Community PROMISE
- Modelo de Intervención Psicomédica
- Popular Opinion Leader
- d-up! Defend Yourself
- Many Men, Many Voices
- Healthy Relationships
- CLEAR
- Street Smart
- Sin Buscar Excusas/No Excuses
- Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling
- Fundamentals of Rapid HIV Testing
- Social Network Strategy
- Condom Distribution as a Structural Intervention