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EDUCATION

George Washington University, Milken School of Public Health Aug 2020- May 2022

Master of Public Health, Health Policy- GPA 3.99

Western Kentucky University, Mahurin Honors College Aug 2016- May 2020

Bachelor of Science, Biology; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Undergraduate Thesis: [*Assessing Biomass Fuel Consumption in Kasigau Kenya as a Predictor of Hypertension*](#)

COURSEWORK

Policy: State Health Policy, Advanced Health Policy Analysis, Federal Policymaking and Advocacy, Fundamentals of Health Policy, Introduction to Health Policy Analysis, Health Care on the Hill, Public Health and Law, HIV Policy in the U.S., Health Policy Capstone, Administrative Law and Health Policy, U.S. Food Policy and Politics

Public Health: Health Economics and Finance, Fundamentals of Public Health Program Evaluation, Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership, Population Health and Health Reform, Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health, Environmental and Biological Foundations of Public Health, Epidemiology

Data: Statistical Analysis for Health Policy, Biostatistical Applications of Public Health

SKILLS

Project management (Basecamp), policy monitoring, legislative research, digital media (Canva, Adobe, Piktochart, Wix), mixed methods data analysis (Stata, NVivo, SPSS), community organizing/advocacy (VoteBuilder, Hustle)

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCES

Policy Analyst

Center for Community Resilience

Washington, D.C

May 2022- Present

- ❖ Support Center and national network using Building Community Resilience process to address the root causes of childhood trauma, foster equity, and build resilience
- ❖ Assist Policy Lab with network policy support, including policy monitoring, legislative research, and local network administrative assistance

Graduate Research Assistant

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Washington, D.C

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- ❖ Assist Policy Lab with network policy support, including policy monitoring, legislative research, and local network administrative assistance
- ❖ Assist in implementing a truth and reconciliation project to create a shared understanding of the history of racial inequity, foster racial healing, and develop a community-driven policy and platform
- ❖ Developing a new resilience communication tool through qualitative data analysis and literature review to depict individual/familial and community/systems level resilience factors
- ❖ Develop digital tools and resources, including trainings, one-pagers, and visual aids; manage digital workspaces

District Health Department Intern*Barren River District Health Department***Bowling Green, KY****Mar 2019 – May 2020**

- Assisted with PHAB re-accreditation process, community health plan development, disaster preparedness, elementary school health education, and harm reduction programs
- Assist the development of department's first health equity report through literature review on report formulation

Health Services Volunteer*Warren County Health Services Fair***Bowling Green, KY****Apr 2017, Nov 2018**

- Served as guide for immigrant and refugee families in local community to help them receive health services such as physicals and vision, hearing, and dental screenings
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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES**Field Organizer***Zachary Parker for Ward 5 DC Council***Washington, D.C.****Oct 2021 – Present**

- Assisted with volunteer organizing, campaign strategy planning, campaign technology and data
- Direct voter contact efforts, including canvassing and phone banking

Fairness Campaign Member*Bowling Green Fairness***Bowling Green, KY****Oct 2017 – May 2020**

- Advocated for a local fairness ordinance to prohibit LGBTQ discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations
- Attended monthly strategy meetings, helped coordinate community events such as the annual Pride festival
- Funded to attend the National LGBTQ Task Force Creating Change Conference in Detroit, the foremost political, leadership, and skills-building conference for the LGBTQ social justice movement

Campus Organizer, Deputy Field Organizer*Kentucky Democratic Party***Bowling Green, KY****Oct 2018 – Nov 2019**

- Organized campus and community Get Out the Vote Efforts in the Kentucky 2018 midterm and 2019 gubernatorial elections, resulting in one of the largest ground efforts in community history, increased voter turnout, and successfully electing multiple candidates.
- Assisted with volunteer recruitment, organization, and strategy
- Managed local staging locations for campaigns
- Direct voter contact efforts, including canvassing and phone banking

Kentucky State Senate Campaign Intern*Jeanie Smith for State Senate***Bowling Green, KY****Aug 2018 – Nov 2018**

- Assisted with volunteer organizing, campaign strategy planning, campaign technology and data, and social media
- Direct voter contact efforts, including canvassing and phone banking

Kentucky State Representative Campaign Volunteer*Patti Minter for State Representative***Bowling Green, KY****Sep 2018 – Nov 2018**

- Direct voter contact efforts, including canvassing and phone banking

Bowling Green City Commission Campaign Volunteer*Dana Beasley-Brown for City Commission***Bowling Green, KY****Sep 2018 – Nov 2018**

- Assisted in organizing yard sign delivery and requests
- Direct voter contact efforts, including canvassing and phone banking

AWARDS AND HONORS

Milken Public Health Scholar

George Washington University

Washington, D.C.

Aug 2020- May 2022

- Received the top honor bestowed by the faculty at the Milken Institute SPH, totaling \$78,750, for outstanding accomplishment and potential to be a transformative figure in the field of public health.

Cherry Presidential Scholarship

Western Kentucky University

Bowling Green, KY

Aug 2016- May 2020

- Received Western Kentucky University's most prestigious academic scholarship, totaling \$64,000, for outstanding academic achievement and involvement

President's List

Western Kentucky University

Bowling Green, KY

Aug 2016- May 2020

- Received for all semesters completed (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, and Spring 2019) with a GPA of 4.0.

Charles A. Keown Award

Western Kentucky University Student Government Association

Bowling Green, KY

Apr 2018

- Received the greatest honor given by student government for my work as the Student Government Association Chief of Staff on diversity and inclusion, university strategic planning, and student protections.

Scholars in Service Scholarship

Western Kentucky University Center for Citizenship and Social Justice

Bowling Green, KY

Dec 2017

- Received scholarship of \$500 to support research focusing on global health disparities

Commonwealth Ambassador

Kentucky Office of the Secretary of State

Louisville, KY

Apr 2015

- Received for work demonstrating exceptional character and citizenship through contributions to the Kentucky Commonwealth with Inspire Kentucky, a part of Inspire US that seeks to empower young leaders to improve their community and strengthen democracy.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Admissions Ambassador, Orientation Leader | Office of Admissions

Western Kentucky University

Bowling Green, KY

Jan 2017 – May 2020

- Serve as student representative for prospective students and families, lead campus tours
- Assist admitted students in navigating the college orientation process
- Organize day-long orientation events for admitted students, serve as group leader to provide students first-hand knowledge for college success

Student Assistant to WKU Scholar in Residence*Western Kentucky University***Bowling Green, KY****Aug 2019 – May 2020**

- Assist campus living learning community in the creation of sustainable community projects through a unique service learning philosophy
- Organize public relation and promotion efforts for Play Ball Puerto Rico, an organization that advances recovery in Puerto Rico
- Coordinate diplomatic visits to the campus and community

STEM RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**Institutional Undergraduate Researcher***Dr. Nancy Rice, Professor of Biology, Western Kentucky University***Bowling Green, KY****Oct 2017 – May 2020**

- Developed and administered a survey to assess biomass fuel consumption leading to household air pollution in rural Kenya, the first step in a new project studying essential hypertension in the population of Kasigau, Kenya
- Developing undergraduate thesis on implication of results for preventative programs to reduce exposure and improve health outcomes
- Presented preliminary analysis findings at an institutional research conference

Undergraduate Summer Biomedical Researcher*Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network***Lexington, KY****Nov 2016 – Dec 2018**

- Conducted research on genomic restructuring under Dr. Jeramiah Smith at the University of Kentucky, helping to develop a protocol for live-embryo DNA staining.
 - Presented research at the Kentucky Academy of Science Annual Meeting in November 2017
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COMMUNITY SERVICE**Student Ambassadors of Service***Western Kentucky University***Bowling Green, KY****Aug 2016 – May 2020**

- Led event at local Boys and Girls club to encourage kids to engage in physical activity
- Organized activities with local refugee children to encourage English language acquisition
- Transported students to polling places with Ride to Vote service

Afterschool English Enrichment Program*Cumberland Trace Elementary School***Bowling Green, KY****Nov 2017 – Jan 2018**

- Assisted students in the English as a Second Language program in homework and other after-school activities

Women in Science and Engineering*Western Kentucky University***Bowling Green, KY****Jan 2017- Jan 2019**

- Led events at local elementary school to encourage kids to pursue science
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CLINICAL SHADOWING**Medicine in Kenya***Rural health clinics***Kasigau, Kenya****January 2019**

- Shadowed health professionals, including three physicians and one Kenyan physician assistant, in three different rural health clinics in Kasigau, Kenya as part of a pre-health professional study abroad opportunity (40 hours)

- Learned about various tropical diseases and healthcare practices in a low- and middle-income country

Greenview Regional Hospital

Regional hospital

Bowling Green, KY

Feb-Apr 2018

- Shadowed healthcare providers over an 8-week rotation, including emergency, intensive care, and surgical services, as well as hospital administrators (25 hours)

EXTRACURRICULARS

Public Health Student Association

George Washington University

Washington, D.C

Jun 2020 – May 2022

- Served as President, advocating for student needs
- Served as Social Media Chair, engaging students in a virtual environment

Student Government Association

Western Kentucky University

Bowling Green, KY

Aug 2016 – May 2020

- Served as Chief of Staff, assisted Student Body President, managed campus office
- Assisted in developing multi-year university strategic plan regarding student success
- Served on university committees addressing faculty welfare and campus inclusion
- Wrote and passed legislation addressing student needs, including funding for inaugural pride festival and LGBTQ+ graduation ceremony, increased representative positions in Senate, and limiting university fees

Young Democrats

Western Kentucky University

Bowling Green, KY

Nov 2017 – May 2020

- Served as treasurer, managing the organizations funds, seeking avenues for additional funding, and promoting Democratic values on campus

Campus Y Congress

Western Kentucky University

Bowling Green, KY

Sep 2016 – Jan 2019

- Presented legislation at national college youth in government conference regarding medical education funding

ONE Campaign

Western Kentucky University

Bowling Green, KY

Nov 2016 – May 2019

- Assisted with letter-writing campaign lobbying for congressional international aid
- Registered students to vote