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Education

2025 MPH Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS | *in progress*

College of Veterinary Medicine

Specialization: Public Health Nutrition

2023 BSE University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Major in Community Health, Double Minor in Healthcare Management & Human Sexuality

Professional Experience

Research Associate, Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN)

Omaha, NE | April 2024 – Present

- Interface with data collectors, participants, and grantees to provide training and technical assistance for research, evaluation, reporting, validation, and entry-level analysis for the Feeding America Food as Medicine 3.0 (FAM3) and American Heart Association Food is Medicine (FIM) projects
- Conduct entry-level data processing, such as transcribing or coding qualitative data and conducting descriptive analysis
- Support the development of deliverables (e.g., presentations, reports, manuscripts) by participating in planning sessions, writing assignments, visualizations, and presenting deliverables as related to data flows and procedures

Program Associate, Sunflower Foundation

Topeka, KS | May 2023 – April 2024

- Applied public health best practices and knowledge throughout all job responsibilities, emphasizing the promotion of health and wellness among Kansans through nonprofit funding support
- Supported the planning and execution of a pilot Food is Medicine intervention in collaboration with six federally-qualified health centers statewide
- Co-authored a manuscript published in the Journal of Primary Care and Community Health detailing the pilot initiative's outcomes and impact
- Participated in and led large grant review panels, evaluating over 100 applications to determine funding allocations
- Compiled and organized extensive data to generate easily understandable and summarized deliverables, leveraging tools such as Excel
- Provided direct support for major events catering to 100+ attendees, facilitating collaborative learning opportunities among health-focused nonprofits
- Created and designed promotional materials for events, occasionally delivering speeches or presentations

- Oversaw grant reporting from grantees, ensuring timely submission and accuracy of reports by utilizing an online grants management system

Professional Experience (Continued)

Program Intern, Sunflower Foundation
Topeka, KS | December 2021 – April 2023

- Supported all areas of operations, including project and RFP development, grants administration, event management, foundation education and special initiatives
- Developed materials and resources utilized in meetings between the foundation & grantees in various facets of public health such as green space equity, food insecurity, and healthy living
- Attended weekly meetings, attentively listening and transcribing session agenda for future reference
- Updated and maintained current internal rosters and materials

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS | March 2021 – May 2021

- Conducted phone-surveys to 25+ tobacco retailers in the Douglas County region to gauge compliance with the Tobacco 21 law
- Compiled and organized data from phone-survey responses in Qualtrics
- Attended bi-weekly meetings to debrief fellow researchers on findings
- Engaged with community partners in tobacco policy workgroup efforts

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Wetherill MS, Bridges KM, **Talavera GE**, Harvey SP, Skidmore B, Burger ES. Planting Seeds for Food Is Medicine: Pre-Implementation Planning Methods and Formative Evaluation Findings From a Multi-Clinic Initiative in the Midwest. *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health*. 2024;15.
doi:10.1177/21501319241241465

Honors, Awards, & Professional Associations

Honors and Awards

2024	Outstanding Graduate Student in Outreach Award, Kansas State University
2023	Don Henry Health Education Award, University of Kansas
2021	Don Henry Health Education Award, University of Kansas

Professional Association Membership

2024 – Present	International Society for Behavior Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)
2023 – Present	American Public Health Association (APHA)
2023 – Present	Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA)