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EDUCATION

2008 – 2013 **Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)**, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Birmingham, AL

Dissertation: Gender norms, sexual and reproductive health behaviors and acceptability of male circumcision among men in Jamaica

2005 – 2006 **Master of Public Health (MPH)**, University of the West Indies (UWI), Kingston, Jamaica

Thesis: Safety and consumers' perceptions of Jamaica's bottled water

SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 – 2022 HIV Intervention Science Training Program (HISTP) for Underrepresented Scholars, Columbia University, New York, NY

2015 – 2017 Clinical and Community-Based HIV/AIDS Research Training Fellowship, Brown University, Providence, RI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 – **Staff Scientist**, New York Blood Center, New York, NY

2019 – 2021 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Public Health, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY

2016 – 2019 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Nursing, Russell Sage College, Troy, NY

2016 – 2016 **Consumer Research Scientist**, Healthy Capital District Initiative, Albany, NY

2013 – 2015 **Program Coordinator**, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2009 – 2013 **Graduate Assistant**, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2006 – 2008 **Behavior Change Communication Officer**, St. James Public Health Services, Jamaica

2004 – 2005 **Environmental Health Officer/Manager**, Grand Turk Health Department, Turks and Caicos Islands

2001 – 2004 **Public Health Inspector**, St. James Public Health Services, Jamaica

TEACHING AND MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Courses taught:

Foundations of Public Health

Health Promotion

Global Public Health

Senior Capstone Project

Research Methods

Research Practicum III

Qualitative Research Methods

Using Inquiry to Advance Nursing Education

Nursing in a Sociopolitical Environment

GRANTS

- 2021 Hartwick College Faculty Research Grant (\$8,500.00). Health needs and strategies for developing health promoting schools in Northern Province of Rwanda. Co-PI.
- 2020 Hartwick College Faculty Research Grant (\$4,200.00). Individual and structural factors associated with sexual and health seeking behaviors among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Jamaica. PI.
- 2013 School of Public Health Back of the Envelope Research Grant, University of Alabama at Birmingham (\$5,000.00). To eat or not to eat: Barriers and facilitators to the dietary approaches to stop hypertension (DASH) diet among individuals with hypertension. PI. (declined)
- 2012 School of Public Health Back of the Envelope Research Grant, University of Alabama at Birmingham (\$5,000.00). Perceptions of microenterprise as an HIV prevention and support strategy among low-income women living with HIV in Alabama. PI.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016 Selected Participant, Saunders-Watkins Leadership Workshop (SWLW), Center for Translation Research and Implementation Science (CTRIS), National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute, Bethesda, MD
- 2011 Selected Participant, Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network (SBSRN) "Mentoring the Next Generation" workshop, Miami, FL
- 2011 Joseph F. Volker International Scholarship, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 2011 Juan M. Navia Endowed Scholarship, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 2011 Sparkman Center Scholarship for training in hunger and malnutrition, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 2009 Health Action Summit Student Scholar Award, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 2004 Employee of the year, St James Public Health Services, Jamaica
- 1999 Most outstanding student (School of Public Health) University of Technology, Jamaica

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020 Manuscript reviewer, American Journal of Men's Health
- 2020 Abstract reviewer, American Public Health Association (APHA)
- 2020 Manuscript reviewer, AIDS Care
- 2019 Manuscript reviewer, AIDS and Behavior
- 2018 Judge (poster), Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students
- 2018 Judge, Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), Indianapolis, IN
- 2017 Manuscript reviewer, Culture, Health and Sexuality

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Walcott M**, Kempf MC, Merlin JS, Nunn A, Turan JM. [Perceived Value of Microenterprise for Low-Income Women Living with HIV in Alabama](#). AIDS Behav. 2019, Oct; 23(Suppl 3): 276.
2. Rice, W. S., Turin, B., Fletcher, F. E., Naples, T. M., **Walcott, M**, Batchelder, A., Kompf, M. C., Konkle-Parker, D. J., Wilson, T. E., Tien, P. C., Wingood, G. M., Neilands, T. B., Johnson, M. O., Weiser, S. D., & Turin, J. M. (2019). A Mixed Methods Study of Anticipated and Experienced Stigma in Health Care Settings Among Women Living with HIV in the United States. AIDS patient care and STDs, 33(4), 184–195
3. Fredericksen RJ, **Walcott M**, Yang FM, Gibbons LE, Fitzsimmons E, Brown S, Mayer KH, Edwards TC, Loo S, Gutierrez C, Paez E, Dant L, Mathews WC, Mugavero MJ, Patrick DL, Crane PK, Crane HM. [Circumstances Surrounding High-risk Sexual Experiences Among Primary Care Patients Living With and Without HIV](#). J Gen Intern Med. 2018 Dec;33(12):2163-2170.
4. Fredericksen RJ, Yang FM, Gibbons LE, Edwards TC, Brown S, Fitzsimmons E, Alperovitz-Bichell K, Godfrey M, Wang A, Church A, Gutierrez C, Paez E, Dant L, Loo S, **Walcott M**, Mugavero MJ, Mayer KH, Mathews WC, Patrick DL, Crane PK, Crane HM. [Development and content validation of measures assessing adherence barriers and behaviors for use in clinical care](#). Res Social Adm Pharm. 2018 Oct 5. pii: S1551-7411(18)30275-4.
5. Fredericksen RJ, Mayer KH, Gibbons LE, Edwards TC, Yang FM, **Walcott M**, Brown S, Dant L, Loo S, Gutierrez C, Paez E, Fitzsimmons E, Wu AW, Mugavero MJ, Mathews WC, Lober WB, Kitahata MM, Patrick DL, Crane PK, Crane HM. [Development and Content Validation of a Patient-Reported Sexual Risk Measure for Use in Primary Care](#). J Gen Intern Med. 2018 Oct;33(10):1661-1668.
6. Rice WS, Logie CH, Napoles TM, **Walcott M**, Batchelder AW, Kempf MC, Wingood GM, Konkle-Parker DJ, Turan B, Wilson TE, Johnson MO, Weiser SD, Turan JM. [Perceptions of intersectional stigma among diverse women living with HIV in the United States](#). Soc Sci Med. 2018 Jul;208:9-17.
7. Fredericksen RJ, Gibbons L, Brown S, Edwards TC, Yang FM, Fitzsimmons E, Alperovitz-Bichell K, Godfrey M, Wang A, Church A, Gutierrez C, Paez E, Dant L, Loo S, **Walcott M**, Mugavero MJ, Mayer K, Mathews WC, Patrick DL, Crane PK, Crane HM. [Medication understanding among patients living with multiple chronic conditions: Implications for patient-reported measures of adherence](#). Res Social Adm Pharm. 2018 Jun;14(6):540-544.
8. **Walcott M**, Kempf MC, Merlin JS, Turan JM. [Structural community factors and sub-optimal engagement in HIV care among low-income women in the Deep South of the USA](#). Cult Health Sex. 2016;18(6):682-94.
9. **Walcott M**, Ehiri J, Kempf MC, Funkhouser E, Bakhoya M, Aung M, Zhang K, Jolly PE. [Gender Norms and Family Planning Practices Among Men in Western Jamaica](#). Am J Mens Health. 2015 Jul;9(4):307-16.
10. Merlin JS, Westfall AO, Chamot E, Saag M, **Walcott M**, Ritchie C, Kertesz S. [Quantitative Evaluation of an Instrument to Identify Chronic Pain in HIV-Infected Individuals](#). AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses. 2015 Jun;31(6):623-7.

11. Merlin JS, **Walcott M**, Ritchie C, Herbey I, Kertesz SG, Chamot E, Saag M, Turan JM. ['Two pains together': patient perspectives on psychological aspects of chronic pain while living with HIV](#). PLoS One. 2014 Nov 3;9(11): e111765. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0111765.
12. Merlin JS, **Walcott M**, Herbey I, Chamot E, Ritchie C, Saag MS, Kertesz S. [Qualitative investigation of a Brief Chronic Pain Screening tool in HIV-infected patients](#). AIDS Patient Care STDS. 2014 Apr;28(4):176-82.
13. **Walcott M**, Funkhouser E, Aung M, Kempf MC, Ehiri J, Zhang K, Bakhoya M, Hickman D, Jolly PE. [Gender norms and sexual behaviours among men in western Jamaica](#). Sex Health. 2014 Mar;11(1):42-51.
14. **Walcott M**, Hatcher AM, Kwena Z, Turan JM. [Facilitating HIV status disclosure for pregnant women and partners in rural Kenya: a qualitative study](#). BMC Public Health. 2013 Dec 2;13:1115.
15. **Walcott M**, Jolly PE, Ehiri JE, Funkhouser E, Kempf MC, Hickman D, Aung M, Zhang K. [Factors associated with the acceptability of male circumcision among men in Jamaica](#). PLoS One. 2013 Sep 16;8(9):e75074.
16. Boehme AK, Moneyham L, McLeod J, **Walcott M**, Wright L, Seal P, Mugavero M, Norton WE, Kempf MC. [HIV-infected women's relationships with their health care providers in the rural deep south: an exploratory study](#). Health Care Women Int. 2012;33(4):403-19.
17. Kempf MC, McLeod J, Boehme AK, **Walcott M**, Wright L, Seal P, Norton WE, Schumacher JE, Mugavero M, Moneyham L. [A qualitative study of the barriers and facilitators to retention-in-care among HIV-positive women in the rural southeastern United States: implications for targeted interventions](#). AIDS Patient Care STDS. 2010 Aug;24(8):515-20.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Smith W, Napoles TM, **Walcott M**, Batchelder A, Kempf M, Gina M. Wingood, ScD, Deborah J. Konkle-Parker DJ, Logie C, Buran B, Johnson MO, Weiser SD, Turan JM. HIV Treatment Implications of HIV-Related Stigma and Other Intersecting Social Stigmas for Women Living with HIV. Poster session presented at: Inter-CFAR Joint Symposium on HIV Research in Women; December 6-7, 2016; Birmingham, AL.
2. **Walcott M**, Kempf MC, Merlin J, Nunn A, Turan J Including micro-enterprise in HIV/AIDS programs for women living with HIV in the US South. Poster session presented at: American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting; October 29-November 2, 2016; Denver, CO.
3. Fredericksen RJ, Brown S, Edwards TE, Yang F, Alperowitz-Bichell K, Godfrey M, Wang A, Church A, Fitzsimmons E, Gutierrez C, Paez E, Dant L, Loo S, **Walcott M**, Mugavero M, Mayer K, Mathews C, Patrick DL, Crane PK, Crane HM. Development and content validation of a PROMIS measure for medication adherence. Oral presentation, PROMIS Health Organization Conference; October 23-24, 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark.
4. Smith W, Napoles TM, **Walcott M**, Batchelder A, Kempf M, Wingood GM, Konkle-Parker DJ, Logie C, Turan B, Johnson M, Weiser SD, MD, Turan JM. Examining the Link between Intersectional Stigma and Adherence to HIV Treatment Recommendations among Women Living with HIV. Poster session presented at: 11th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence; May 9-11, 2016; Miami, FL.

5. Fredericksen R, Edwards T, Paez E, **Walcott M**, Dant L, Brown S, Loo S, Gutierrez C, Church A, Godfrey M, Wang A, Alperovitz-Bichell K, Yang F, Simoni J, Willig J, Mugavero M, Maye K, Mathews C, Crane P, Patrick D, Crane H. Reasons for Intentional Non-Adherence Among Patients Treated for Multiple Chronic Co-Morbidities. Poster session presented at: 10th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence; 2014; Miami, FL.
6. Fredericksen R, Edwards T, Dant L, Paez E, **Walcott M**, Gutierrez C, Loo S, Church A, Brown S, Wang A, Godfrey M, Alperovitz-Bichell K, Yang F, Willig J, Mugavero M, Mayer K, Mathews C, Simoni J, Crane P, Patrick D, Crane H. Qualitative Assessment of Medication Understanding Among Patients Treated for Multiple Chronic Co-Morbidities. Poster session presented at: 10th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence; 2014; Miami, FL.
7. **Walcott M**, Kempf MC, Merlin J, Turan J. Poverty - a Risk Environment for Suboptimal Engagement in HIV Care among Low-income Women living with HIV in the Deep South. Poster session presented at: 10th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence; 2014; Miami, FL.
8. **Walcott M**, Kempf MC, Merlin J, Turan J. How poverty creates a risk environment for HIV transmission and poor engagement in care among low-income women in the Deep South. Poster presented at: University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) 9th Annual Health Disparities Research Symposium; 2014; Birmingham, AL.
9. Merlin JS, **Walcott M**, Ritchie CS, Herbey I, Kertesz SG, Chamot EC, Saag M, Turan JM. Patient perspectives on psychological aspects of chronic pain while living with HIV. Poster presented at: International Association of Providers of AIDS Care Conference; 2014; Miami, FL.
10. Merlin JS, Westfall AO, Saag S, Chamot EC, **Walcott M**, Ritchie C, Kertesz S. Validity Testing of a New Brief Chronic Pain Screening tool in HIV-infected Patients. Poster presented at: International Association of Providers of AIDS Care Conference; 2014; Miami, FL.
11. Modi R, Pence B, Gaynes B, O'Donnell J, McGuinness TN, Willig J, **Walcott M**, Raper J, Zinski A, Edwards M, Mugavero M. Performance of the PHQ-9 depression screening tool among HIV-infected patients recruited for a depression treatment study. Poster presented at: 9th International C on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence; 2014; Miami, FL.
12. Merlin JS, **Walcott M**, Herbey I, Chamot E, Ritchie C, Saag M, Kertesz S. Qualitative investigation of a brief chronic pain screening tool in HIV-infected patients. Poster presented at: American Pain Society Annual Meeting; 2014; Tampa, FL.
13. Johnson T, Galarza R, **Walcott M**, Ngu J, Jolly PE. Disclosure to Sexual Partners and Sexual Risk Behaviors among HIV-infected women in Kenya. Poster presented at: NIH/NIMHD Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit; 2012; National Harbor, MD.
14. Bakhoya M, Hickman D, **Walcott M**, Aung M, Jolly PE. Factors associated with risky sexual behaviors among men in Western Jamaica. Poster presented at: NIH/NIMHD Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit; 2012; National Harbor, MD.