**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION:**

2005 – 2006 University of the West Indies (UWI), Kingston, Jamaica M.P.H. Public Health

2008 – 2013 University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Alabama Dr.PH. Public Health

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

2015 – 2017 Brown University, Providence, RI, Clinical and Fellowship

Community-Based HIV/AIDS Research Training Fellowship

2019 – 2023 Columbia University, NY, HIV Intervention Science Training Training Program

Program (HISTP) for Underrepresented Scholars

2023 – 2026 University of California, San Francisco, Center for AIDS Training Program

Prevention Studies Training Program for Scientists Conducting

Research to Reduce HIV/STI Health Disparities

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

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

2004 – 2005 Grand Turk Health Dept., Turks and Caicos Islands Environmental Health

Officer/Manager

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

Communication Officer

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

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

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

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

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

2021–nowNew York Blood Center, NY Staff Scientist

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

1999 Most outstanding student (School of Public Health) University of Technology, Jamaica

2004 Employee of the year, St James Public Health Services, Jamaica

2009 Health Action Summit Student Scholar Award, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2011 Sparkman Center Scholarship for training in hunger and malnutrition, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2011 Juan M. Navia Endowed Scholarship, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2011 Joseph F. Volker International Scholarship, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

2011 Selected Participant, Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network (SBSRN) “Mentoring the Next Generation” workshop, Miami, FL

2016 Selected Participant, Saunders-Watkins Leadership Workshop (SWLW), Center for Translation Research and Implementation Science (CTRIS), National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute, Bethesda, MD

**SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

2017 to Ad hoc referee for American Journal of Men's Health; AIDS Care; AIDS and Behavior; Culture, Health and Sexuality

2018 Judge, Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), IN

2020 Abstract reviewer, American Public Health Association (APHA)

**TEACHING AND MENTORING**

**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

**HIV Vaccine Trials Network Research and Mentorship Program (mentor medical students)**

* Research title: Experiences and perceptions about accessing HIV prevention services and participating in HIV research/vaccine trials: The voices of Black men who have sex with men (BMSM). PI, Mentor, 2022
* Project title: Enhancing engagement of cisgender women of color in Phase 1 HIV vaccine trials in New York City. Mentor, 2023

**GRANTS**

2012 School of Public Health Back of the Envelope Research Grant, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Perceptions of microenterprise as an HIV prevention and support strategy among low-income women living with HIV in Alabama

$5,000.00

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

2013 School of Public Health Back of the Envelope Research Grant, University of Alabama at Birmingham

To eat or not to eat: Barriers and facilitators to the dietary approaches to stop hypertension (DASH) diet among individuals with hypertension

$5,000.00 (declined)

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

2020 Hartwick College Faculty Research Grant

Individual and structural factors associated with sexual and health seeking behaviors among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Jamaica

$4,200.00

Role: Principal Investigator

2021 Hartwick College Faculty Research Grant

Health needs and strategies for developing health promoting schools in Northern Province of Rwanda

$8,500.00

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

2022 HIV Intervention Science Training Program (HISTP) Developmental Research Grant $25,000.00

Role: Principal Investigator

2022 Diversity Supplement on R01 MH118960-01A1 (PI: Tieu)

3R01MH118960-04S1

NIH/NIMH

Engaging BMSM in HIV care during a pandemic: the role of patient-provider interaction and perceived racism in healthcare

$212,918.00

Role: Principal Investigator

2022 Mentored research career developmental award (K01) (PI: Melonie Walcott, DrPH)

NIH/NIDA

Developing and pilot testing an intervention to improve PrEP uptake among cisgender women who use substances and/or exchange sex

Not discussed

Role: Principal Investigator

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

1. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/20672971) AIDS Patient Care STDS. 2010 Aug;24(8):515-20.
2. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22420680) Health Care Women Int. 2012;33(4):403-19.
3. **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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24066164) PLoS One. 2013 Sep 16;8(9):e75074.
4. **Walcott M**, Hatcher AM, Kwena Z, Turan JM. [Facilitating HIV status disclosure for pregnant women and partners in rural Kenya: a qualitative study.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24294994) BMC Public Health. 2013 Dec 2;13:1115.
5. **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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24618497) Sex Health. 2014 Mar;11(1):42-51.
6. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24621145) AIDS Patient Care STDS. 2014 Apr;28(4):176-82.
7. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25365306) PLoS One. 2014 Nov 3;9(11): e111765. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0111765.
8. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25693683) AIDS Res Hum Retroviruses. 2015 Jun;31(6):623-7.
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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25077729) Am J Mens Health. 2015 Jul;9(4):307-16.
10. **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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26670722) Cult Health Sex. 2016;18(6):682-94.
11. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28651924) Res Social Adm Pharm. 2018 Jun;14(6):540-544.
12. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29753137) Soc Sci Med. 2018 Jul;208:9-17.
13. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29845470) J Gen Intern Med. 2018 Oct;33(10):1661-1668.
14. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30327183) Res Social Adm Pharm. 2018 Oct 5. pii: S1551-7411(18)30275-4.
15. 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.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30251213) J Gen Intern Med. 2018 Dec;33(12):2163-2170.
16. 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
17. **Walcott M**, Kempf MC, Merlin JS, Nunn A, Turan JM. [Perceived Value of Microenterprise for Low-Income Women Living with HIV in Alabama](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31586283). AIDS Behav. 2019, Oct; 23(Suppl 3): 276.

**PEER REVIEWED ABSTRACTS**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. **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.
14. Rice WS, Turan B, Napoles TM, **Walcott M**, Batchelder A, Lip trot MJ, Brodie EA, Kompf M, Kunkle-Parker D, Wilson TE, Tien PC, Win good G, Neelands TB, Johnson MO, Weiser SD, Turin JM. (2017, November). A Mixed Methods Study of Anticipated and Experienced Stigma in Healthcare Settings. Oral presentation at AIDS Impact 13th International Conference, 2017, Cape Town, South Africa.
15. HIV Intervention Science Training Program (HISTP) for Underrepresented Scholars. The use of technology for HIV prevention and intervention for youth and young adults; global research by scholars of color. Virtual presentation. Virtual presentation: AIDS 2020 Conference; July 6-10. 2020.
16. **Walcott M**, Tieu H, Tipre M, Wheatle M, Davis A. Wu E, Nandi V, Frye V, Figueroa JP. Awareness and willingness to prescribe pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Virtual presentation: 2022 Controlling the HIV Epidemic Summit. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC); November 30 – December 1, 2022.