

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**PERSONAL DATA**

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**EDUCATION**

B.S.	1994	University of Connecticut, Department of Biological Sciences. Honors
M.H.S.	1995	Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Demography
Ph.D.	2001	Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, Minor in Epidemiology <i>Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Laurie Schwab Zabin</i>

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

*Associate Professor (tenured)*, Department of Prevention and Community Health, George Washington University, School of Public Health 2013 - Present

*Assistant Professor*, 2004 – 2013

*Director*, Maternal and Child Health Program, 2008 –

*Faculty Member*, Jacobs Institute of Women's Health, George Washington University, 2010 –

*Editor-in-Chief*, Women's Health Issues, Jacobs Institute of Women's Health, 2017 – 2021

*Co-Director*, GW Campus COVID Support Team, 2020 -

*Nonresident Fellow*, Atlantic Council, South Asia Center, 2020 – 2023

*Director*, *Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health*, 2020 - 2025

*Research Associate*, Center for Adolescent Health and Development, Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2001 – 2004

*Research Assistant*, Research and Evaluation Division, Center for Communication Programs, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, 1995 – 1997

*ASPH Fellow*, Division of Adolescent and School Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1995

*Family Planning Counselor*, Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, 1993 – 1994

*Research Assistant*, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Connecticut, 1991

*Counselor and Chief Volunteer Coordinator*, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, Center for Dying and Destitute, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta, India, 1992

## HONORS AND AWARDS

*Awarded GW Supervisor of the Year, 2019 (supervising/mentoring student employees)*  
*Awarded 2019 Northeast Region Supervisor of the Year, Northeast Association/Student Employment Academy Member, Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize (2017 - )*  
*Member, GW Academy for Distinguished Teachers (2014 - )*  
*Awarded Morton Bender Teaching Award, George Washington University (2012)*  
*Nominee RWJ Young Leader Under 40 Award (Nominated by Sara Rosenbaum)*  
*Awarded Delta-Omega Honor Society National Innovative Curriculum Award (2011)*  
*Awarded Impact Center Women's Leadership Fellowship (2011-2012)*  
*Nominee Pfizer Early Career Teaching Award (Nominated by Department Chair)*  
*Member Aspen Institute/Socrates Society (2008)*  
*Inducted Delta Omega Honorary Society for Public Health*  
*Awarded Fulbright Award to the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai India (2008)*  
*Awarded YouthAIDS Award for HIV Prevention in India,(2007)*  
*Honored South Asian Public Health Association (2004)*  
*Awarded Kann-Trowbridge Award, Johns Hopkins University (2000)*  
*Awarded University of Connecticut Humanitarian Achievement Award (1994)*  
*Awarded University of Connecticut Minority Leadership Award (1994)*

## RESEARCH GRANTS/CONTRACTS

MCHB HRSA 21-80 Vyas, Amita (Co-I) 6/1/2021-5/30/26  
GW Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Leadership, Education, and Advancement in Undergraduate Pathways (LEAP) Training Program.  
\$775,000  
Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration/Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Adolescent Program in Bangladesh Vyas, Amita (PI) 1/1/2021-6/30/2021  
\$45,000  
Funder: The World Bank  
Objective: To adapt and implement the Girl Rising gender sensitization program across 90 schools in Bangladesh.

GW-MCH Center of Excellence Vyas, Amita (PI) 6/1/2020 – 5/31/2025  
\$1,750,000  
Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration/Maternal and Child Health Bureau

Girl Rising Impact Framework Vyas, Amita (PI) 2/1/20 – 7/30/20  
\$27,592  
Funder: Nielsen Foundation  
Objective: To develop a monitoring and evaluation toolkit for Girl Rising campaigns, and to develop a theory of change model and framework for how media and campaigns yield social impact.

GAGE: Gender and Adolescence Global Evidence Vyas, Amita (sub-award) 5/1/19 – 1/30/21  
\$65,000  
Funder: GAGE/UK AID  
Objective: Develop and test measures on gender attitudes, voice and agency for adolescents in India and Nepal.

Women's Health Issues, Journal Supplement Jacobs Institute/Borkowski 7/1/18 – 7/1/19  
Sex and Gender Differences in VA Clinical Trial Outcomes  
\$100,000  
Sponsor: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs/Durham VAMC

This will involve an open call for papers, so authors should be able to submit a manuscript without first having been invited. The sponsors anticipate sending approximately 12 manuscripts for peer review (though more may be submitted) and publishing 10 in the supplement. We would want to be able to offer publication in a regular WHI issue to the papers that are rejected from the supplement but otherwise meet our standards.

Women's Health Issues, Journal Supplement                      Jacobs Institute/Borkowski                      9/1/18 – 7/1/19  
 Military Women's Health Research  
 \$100,000, 5%  
 Sponsor: TriService Nursing Research Program of the US Department of Defense  
 This will involve invited submissions, and the sponsors anticipate publishing six full-length articles in the supplement.

Designing an RCT for Conceptual-Contextual Therapy: An Innovative Model for Suicide Prevention  
 \$15,000                      Vyas, Amita (PI)                      4/1/19 – 12/31/19  
 Funder: Donnelly Family Foundation  
 Objective: To conduct a qualitative study to examine the components of the CCT program and to design a randomized controlled trial.

Girl Rising/VMM Evaluation                      Vyas, Amita (PI)                      10/1/18 – 1/31/19  
 \$8600  
 Funder: U.S. Department of State, Hyderabad Consulate  
 Objective: To support 3 graduate students to assist with implementation and qualitative evaluation of the GR/GW gender-based violence prevention workshop for 30 colleges in Bhubaneswar, Vishakapatnam, and Hyderabad.

Girl Rising Videos for Empowerment (VoE)                      Vyas, Amita (sub-award)                      4/1/18 – 12/31/18  
 \$44,000  
 Funder: U.S. Department of State  
 Objective: Produce 12 girls/women's empowerment videos and implement/evaluate a social media campaign.

Perceptions of Happiness Pilot Study                      Vyas, Amita (PI)                      7/1/18 – 12/31/18  
 \$6,000  
 Funder: MyBliss Donor Gift  
 Objective: To support a graduate research assistant to conduct a quantitative survey (n=1500) on perceptions of happiness and health.

Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Treatment                      Vyas, Amita (sub-award)                      9/1/17 – 8/31/18  
 \$125,000  
 Funder: U.S. Department of State, New Delhi Embassy  
 Objective: Present at 5 workshops in Tier 2 cities of India on effective communication strategies for GBV prevention.

D.C. Family Planning Assessment                      Vyas, Amita (Co-PI)                      7/1/17 – 6/30/18  
 \$175,000  
 Funder: Washington Area Women's Foundation (WAWF)  
 Objective: A mixed-methods study to assess the family planning needs of adolescents and young women in the District of Columbia. Research study includes a clinic survey, provider interviews, focus groups, and a quantitative adolescent/women's health survey (n=1200).

Girl Rising Pilot Evaluation of U.S. Educator's Program                      Vyas, Amita (PI)                      9/1/17 – 6/1/18  
 \$30,000

Funder: Citi Corporation

Objective: Graduate students will conduct pilot evaluations of four Girl Rising U.S. Educator Programs in Quincy Mass (n=350); Houston (n=600); Tampa (n=50); and New York City (n=350). Evaluation includes qualitative interviews and pre/post surveys with students. The School of business will develop financial literacy modules for the Girl Rising curriculum.

Girl Rising India Campaign: Evaluation Study Vyas, Amita (PI) 9/1/16 – 8/31/18  
\$123,000

Funder: Paperseed Foundation

Objective: Pilot evaluation of the Girl Rising India Dreamers Media Campaign and the Schools Gender Curriculum (n=2000), including social media analytics, teacher and student interviews, and pre/post surveys of students.

Girl Rising Latin America Formative Research Vyas, Amita (PI) 11/1/16 – 3/31/17  
\$42,312

Funder: Girl Rising & Summit Foundation

Objective: Formative research to develop a Latin America Girl Rising Campaign focused on Guatemala, including stakeholder interviews, media assessment, and identifying topics for a new Girl Rising story.

Empowering Latino Youth Project (ELYP), Vyas, Amita (PI) 9/1/10 – 11/30/15  
\$5,000,000

Funder: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health

Objective: A regional, community collaboration between The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services (GW), Identity, Inc (Identity), Mary's Center (MC), and Teen and Young Adult Connection (TAYA), to implement and test (using an RCT design) an innovative after school positive youth development program to delay sexual onset, decrease pregnancy wantedness and ambivalence, increase condom and contraceptive use, and decrease teen pregnancy among Latino youth.

UL1RR031988 Vyas, Amita (PI) 2/1/2011 – 6/30/2012  
Diabetes Prevention Study (DPS)  
\$50,000

Funder: National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources

Objective: This pilot project brings together an interdisciplinary team of experts to conduct mixed-methods research to examine physical activity and nutrition among South Asian American (SAA) families in the Washington D.C. region.

UL1RR031988 Guay-Woodford, Lisa (PI) 6/2010 – 6/2015

Clinical and Translational Science Institute

Funder: National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources, \$20,000,000

Role: **Co-Director**, Community Engagement Core

Objective: The community engagement core strengthens clinical and translational research by increasing the quantity and quality of community-based research involving diverse participants; promotes discussion of the relationship between translational research and health policy by convening national symposia; and translates discovery into improved clinical practice by implementing a multi-disciplinary health policy consultation system for Institute investigators.

DC-CFAR LaGrange, Ricardo (PI) 2012 - 2013  
SmAART: A Novel mHealth Approach to Promote HIV Management with Substance Abusing  
\$50,000

Funder: DC D-Center for AIDS Research

Role: Investigator



Dissertation Research Grant  
Teen Incentive Program  
\$410,880

Vyas, Amita (PI)

1/97 – 1/00

Funder: Abell Foundation and Straus Foundation

Objective: This four-year study evaluated the impact of three adolescent reproductive health programs in Baltimore city.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Under Review**

Goldman L, Lui C, Castel A, McDonnell K, **Vyas A.** Implementing Mandatory Testing and a Public Health Commitment to Control COVID-19 on a College Campus, Public Health Reports February 2021 (Under Review).

Amita N. **Vyas**; Nitasha Nagaraj; Woyni Teklay; Richa Hingorani; Jaya Luintel; Megan Landry, Measuring agency, voice, and gender attitudes among adolescents in South Asia. (Under Review).

Steven A. Towers, MPH, Nigussie B. Gemechu, MSc, Nitasha C. Nagaraj, DrPH, MPH, Megan M. Landry, DrPH, MPH, Patrick C. Beane, MPH, Gary A. Sardon, MPH, Emily C. Weiss, MSW, Cindy M. Lui, MD, MPH, PhD, Daniel E. Park, MSPH, Maliha Aziz, MS, Lynn R. Goldman MD, MS, MPH, Amita N. **Vyas**, PhD, MS, Karen A. McDonnell, PhD, Amanda D. Castel, MD, MPH and The George Washington University Campus COVID-19 Support Team, SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance and Outbreak Response on an Urban American College Campus. Journal of American College Health, March 2021 (Under Review).

### **Refereed Journals**

**Vyas AN**, Borkowski L, Bird CE, Frick KD, Markus AR, Salganicoff A, Weisman CS. 30 Years of Women's Health Issues. Women's Health Issues. 2021 Jan-Feb;31(1):1-3. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2020.11.009. 2020 Dec 9. PMID: 33309192.

Asher, S., Nagaraj, N., **Vyas A.** (2020). How do College Students in India Respond to Gender-Based Violence (GBV)? Journal of Public Health International, 2(1): 27-39. DOI. 10.13302

**Amita N. Vyas**, G. Malhotra, N. C. Nagaraj & M. Landry (2019) Gender Attitudes in Adolescence: Evaluating the *Girl Rising* Gender-Sensitization program in India, International Journal of Adolescence and Youth, DOI: 10.1080/02673843.2019.1598450

Nagaraj, N., **Vyas, A.**, Landry, M. (2019). Adolescents' Perceptions of Gender Discrimination in India: Do Perceptions Differ for Boys and Girls? Journal of Public Health International, 2(1): 1-12. DOI: 10.14302/issn.2641-4538.jphi-19-2995

Nagaraj, N., **Vyas A.**, Landry M. (2020). Adolescents' Perceptions of Gender Discrimination in India: Do Perceptions Differ for Boys and Girls? Journal of Public Health International, 2(1): 1-12. DOI: 10.14302/issn.2641-4538.jphi-19-2995

**Vyas A**, Nagaraj N, Genovese J, Malhotra G, Dubey N, Hingorani R, Manning L. (2020) The Girl Rising 'We Dream, We Rise' Social Media Campaign in India: Reach, Engagement and Impact, Journal of Creative Communications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0973258619878354>

Amita **Vyas**, Breahnnna Saunders, Nitasha Nagaraj (2020). A Qualitative Assessment of an Innovative Suicide Prevention and Treatment Approach: Contextual-Conceptual Therapy. *Journal of Public Health International*, 2(2): 28-41.

Megan Landry, **Amita Vyas**, Gayatri Malhotra & Nitasha Nagaraj (2019) Adolescents' development of gender equity attitudes in India, *International Journal of Adolescence and Youth*, DOI: 10.1080/02673843.2019.1590852

**Vyas, Amita N.**; Landry, Megan M.; Turner, Monique; Douglass, Grace; Wood, Susan F., Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention: Evaluation of the *Be Yourself* Program, *Health Behavior and Policy Review*, Volume 5, Number 6, November 2018, pp. 125-138(14). <https://doi.org/10.14485/HBPR.5.6.11>

Nagaraj, C.N., **Vyas, A.**, and McDonnell, A.K. (2018). Is there a Link Between Childhood Family Violence & Adult Health? Understanding Family Violence Amongst South Asian American Women. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, DOI: 10.1007/s10903-018-0829-z.

Nagaraj N.C., **Vyas, A.N.**, McDonnell, K.A., DiPietro, L. (2017). Understanding Health, Violence, and Acculturation Among South Asian Women in the US. *Journal of Community Health*, 1-9. DOI. 10.1007/s10900-017-0450-4.

Ellsberg, M., **A. Vyas**, B. Madrid, M. Quintanilla, J. Zelaya and H. Stöckl. 2017. Violence Against Adolescent Girls: Falling Through the Cracks? Ending Violence in Childhood Global Report 2017. Know Violence in Childhood. New Delhi, India.

Landry MM, Turner M, **Vyas A**, Wood S (2017). Social Media and Sexual Behavior Among Adolescents: Is there a link?, *JMIR Public Health and Surveillance*, URL: <http://publichealth.jmir.org/0000/0/e0/> doi:10.2196/publichealth.7149

Landry M, **Vyas A**, Turner M, Glick S, Wood S. (2015). Evaluation of Social Media Utilization by Latino Adolescents: Implications for Mobile Health Interventions. *JMIR mHealth uHealth* URL: <http://mhealth.jmir.org/0000/0/e0/> doi:10.2196/mhealth.4374

Robertson H, Chaudhary N, **Vyas A**. Family Violence and Child Sexual Abuse Among South Asians in the U.S., *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, In Press (March 2015).

Parrish, Blaine; **Vyas, Amita N.**; and Douglass, Grace (2015) "Weighting patient satisfaction factors to inform health care providers of the patient experience in the age of social media consumer sentiment," *Patient Experience Journal*: Vol. 2: Iss. 1, Article 12. Available at: <http://pxjournal.org/journal/vol2/iss1/12>

**Vyas A**, Chaudhary N, Ramiah K, Douglass GK. "Risk Perceptions, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Among South Asian Women in the U.S.: Does History of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) Matter?" *Health Journal*, Vol.4, No.12, December 2012

Landry M, Gonzales F, Wood S, **Vyas A**. New Media Utilization and Sexual Behavior Among Latino Adolescents. *Am J Health Behav*. 2013;37(3):422-430 DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5993/AJHB.37.3.15>

**Vyas A**, Landry M, Schnider M, Rojas AM, Wood SF. Public Health Interventions: Reaching Latino Adolescents via Short Message Service and Social Media. *J Med Internet Res* 2012;14(4):e99 URL: <http://www.jmir.org/2012/4/e99/> doi: 10.2196/jmir.2178 PMID: 22789678

Chaudhary N, **Vyas A**, Ramiah K. Addressing the Health Needs of South Asians: The Community Perspective. *Health Journal*. October 2012.

**Vyas A**, Chaudhary N, Ramiah K, Landry M. Addressing a Growing Community's Health Needs: Project SAHNA (South Asian Health Needs Assessment). *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 2012, DOI:10.1007/s10903-012-9655-x

Finocchiaro-Kessler S, Sweat MD, Dariotis JK, Anderson JR, Jennings JM, Keller JM, **Vyas A**, Trent ME. Childbearing motivations, pregnancy desires, and perceived partner response to a pregnancy among urban female youth: does HIV-infection status make a difference? *AIDS Care*. 2012;24(1):1-11.

Chaudhury N, **Vyas A**, Parrish B. Barriers to Addressing Health Challenges for the South Asian American Community. *Journal of Community Health*. 2010. Volume 35, Issue: 4, Pages: 384-391

Edberg M., Cleary S, and **Vyas A**. A trajectory model for understanding and assessing health disparities in immigrant/refugee communities, *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 3/2012. DOI 10.1007/s10903-010-9337-5.

MTrent, SChung, **AVyas**, JJennings, JEllen. Are Childbearing Motivations Getting in the Way of STI Prevention in Young Women? *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Volume 46, Issue 2, February 2010.

KUpadhy, MTrent, JJennings, **AVyas**, JEllen. What Boys Want: Attitudes Toward Getting a Partner Pregnant Among Adolescent and Young Adult Males in a Community Cohort. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Volume 44, Issue 2, February 2009.

Santelli J, Brener ND, Lowry R, **Bhatt [Vyas] A**, Zabin LS. Multiple Sexual Partners Among U.S. Adolescents and Young Adults. *Family Planning Perspectives* 30(6): 271-275, 1998.

### **Invited Articles/Blogs/Podcasts**

*Changing the Game by Changing the Story*, Bali Effect Podcast, Episode 6, November 2020.  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/changing-the-game-by-changing-the-story-dr-amita-vyas/id1488629457?i=1000500711669>

*Surviving a Pandemic*: Dr. Amita Vyas, HealthyYou Podcast, Episode 19, October 2020.  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/surviving-a-pandemic-dr-amita-vyas/id1436343074?i=1000494734610>

*The COVID-19 Crisis Could Trigger a Rise in Deadly Domestic Violence*, Medium Blog, April 2020

*One Girl With Courage Is A Revolution*, Black and White Oman, January 2019

*Brave Girl Rising: 17 Million Refugee Girls*, Black and White Oman, February 2019

### **Book Chapters**

*Andrew Rainey; Jitendra Vyas; A. Jay Khanna, MD, MBA; Kashif Firozvi, MD; Rajesh Rajpal, MD; Amita Vyas, PhD; Bryan Ross (2014)*. Social Intelligence About The Patient Experience. In Christina Beach Thielst, *Applying Social Media Technologies on Healthcare Environments*. Chicago, Illinois.

Yu, S & **Vyas, A**. (2008). The Health of Asian American Children & Adolescents. In *Health Issues in the Asian American Community*. New York University, Center for Study of Asian American Health & Jossey-Bass Publishing Company.



## **Technical Reports**

**Vyas A**, Malhotra G, Nagaraj N, Landry M, Evaluation of the Girl Rising Gender Sensitization Program, September 2018.

**Vyas AN**, Wood SF, Landry MM, Masselink LE, Mead HK, Ku L, George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, Family Planning Community Needs Assessment for the DC Family Planning Project (DCFPP), Washington DC 2018

Bramble S, Thompson K, **Vyas A**. Evaluation of the Houston and Tampa Girl Rising Program, April 2018.

Nagaraj N, Genovese J, Dubey N, Manning L, **Vyas A**. Evaluation of the 'We Dream We Rise' Media Campaign, November 2017.

Balan A, Thompson K, **Vyas A**. Evaluation of the Girl Rising Quincy Program, November 2017.

**Vyas A**, Wood S, Landry M. Evaluation of the Empowering Latino Youth Program, Office of Adolescent Health/HHS. March 2016.

**Vyas A**, Chaudhary N, Ramiah K, and Abbasi S. SAHNA 2010: A South Asian Health Needs Assessment of the Washington, D.C. Region. May 2010.

Wood S, **Vyas A**, Campbell M. *Reproductive Health Services in Montgomery County Maryland. A Technical Report Submitted to the Montgomery County Council*, January 2010.

**Vyas A** and Naik P. *Global Philanthropy: Challenges and Needs for Donors and NGOs*. Submitted to the Nadathur Trust, Mumbai India, 2009

Parthasarathi P, **Vyas A**, Parrish EB. *Capacity Building: Program Evaluation and Management Needs Among NGOs in India*. Submitted to the Nadathur Trust, Mumbai India, 2011

**Vyas A**, McDonnell KA, Glaze T. *Evaluation of the Teen Life Club Program*. Submitted to Children's National Medical Center, July 2009.

**Vyas A**, Chandra A, Alexander C. *Evaluation Report: Police Athletic League After School Program*. Submitted to the Baltimore City Police Athletic League, January 2004.

**Vyas A**, Chandra A, Alexander C. *Police Athletic League Case Study 2003*. Submitted to the Baltimore City Police Athletic League, May 2003.

Upadhyay U, **Vyas A**, Ghosh A, Gupta N. *A Brown Paper: The Health of South Asians in the United States*, South Asian Public Health Association, 2002.

**Vyas A**. Report on *Selected Characteristics For International Adolescent Reproductive Health Programs*. Submitted to Pathfinder International, FOCUS Project. June 17, 2001.

**Vyas A** and Zabin LS. *Evaluation of the Teen Incentives Project(TIPs): A case-management model and health education model*. Submitted to the Abell Foundation and Aaron and Lillie Straus Foundation. March 2001.

Underwood C and **Vyas A**. *Evaluation of a Major Media Campaign's Impact on Attitudes and Behavior Regarding Adolescent Pregnancy in Maryland: Campaign for Our Children*. Submitted to the Maryland

Governor's Office for children, Youth, and Families, Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy.  
November 1996.

## **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Keynote Speaker**

*Transforming Maternal and Child Health Outcomes: Is Adolescent Nutrition the Key?* (2018), Public Health & Nutrition Conference of India, Hosted by the Government of India and Sukarya, New Delhi India.

*The Power of Film: Girl Rising* (2018), Women's Day at the 2018 Muscat International Film Festival, Oman.

*Adolescent Girls: The Greatest Investment Opportunity of Our Time* (2018), International Women's Day Event, Leidos Corporate Headquarters, Northern Virginia.

*Adolescent Girls: The Greatest Investment Opportunity of Our Time* (2018), International Women's Day Event, E&Y Headquarters, Washington D.C.

*Investing in Girls and Women: Economic and Social Impact* (2017), Global Entrepreneurship Summit and U.S. India Business Council, Hyderabad India.

*Power of Philanthropy and Girl Rising*, Global India Fund Gala, Washington D.C. 2015

*The Health and Well-being of South Asian American Women* (2002), A Presentation for the Women's Forum, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), Annual National Conference, Chicago 2002.

*The State of South Asian American Public Health* (2002), American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), Annual Legislative Conference, Capitol Hill Washington D.C.

### **Oral Presentations/Webinars**

World Premier of 8 Billion Angels, Panel Discussion for EarthDay.org 2021,  
<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/three-days-of-global-climate-action-events-begin-tomorrow-301271797.html>

*Women, Gender Equality and Water*. Panel Discussion for DC Water for People World Water Day Event, March 22, 2021 via zoom.

*The Power of HER Story: Shaping Gender Attitudes among Adolescents*. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Global Meeting, March 17, 2021 via zoom.

*Racism, Gender and Public Health*. DC Council Testimony in support of a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis in the District, November 2020.  
[http://dc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=9&clip\\_id=5856](http://dc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=9&clip_id=5856)

*COVID Campus Screening, Data Metrics and Support Science Symposium*, July 17, 2020

*COVID-19 Ethical Concerns: Maternal and Child Health*, Panel Discussion for the GW SPH Ethics and COVID-19 Webinar with Dr. Leana Wen, May 26, 2020.

*Power of Storytelling Through Digital Media*. Plenary Panel on Digital Media Issues for Children and Adolescents, Digital Health Promotion Executive Leadership Summit, June1-3, 2020.

*Critical Public Health Training in India*, A Panel Discussion for the International Nonprofit and University Research Event, Hosted by Sannam S4 and USIKE, and partnering with USISPF, Taj Hotels and the Consulate General of India in New York, October 2019, Washington D.C.

*Social Determinants of Unintended Pregnancies in the U.S.: What Does the Data Tell Us?* (2018), Planned Parenthood Federation of America National Conference, Washington D.C.

*Investing in Adolescent Girls: Our Hidden Treasure* (2018), GW Milken Institute School of Public Health & Milken Institute Public Health Summit, Washington D.C.

*Effective Communication Strategies for Prevention and Treatment of Gender-Based Violence in India* (2017/2018), Vijayawada, Trivandrum, Bhopal, Ranchi, Jodhpur India.

*Storytelling and Public Health* (2017), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Invited Speaker for Alumni Day, Baltimore Maryland.

*Inspirational Storytelling to Advance the Well-being of Adolescent Girls* (2017), GW Milken Institute School of Public Health Pre-Milken Global Conference Los Angeles CA.

*Investing in TB in India* (2017), Road to GES Event Hosted by USAID and the Georgetown India Initiative. *Storytelling and Media Campaigns to Build a Movement for Adolescent Girls* (2016), DASRA Philanthropy Conference, Houston TX.

*Girl Rising 2.0* (2016) CENSEO Social Impact Event

*Girl Rising & I Am Mala Educator's Program* (2016) Global Girl's Education Conference, New York

*Why Investments in Girls Matter?* Senate Oversight and Steering Committee (2015)  
<http://publichealth.gwu.edu/content/professor-amita-vyas-speaks-senate-democratic-caucus-global-empowerment-women-girls>

*Girl Rising: Investing in Girls through Country Campaigns* (2015), Varkey Global Conference, Dubai, UAE

*Gender & Organizational Leadership* (2015) Department of Service, Leadership and Management, SIT Graduate Institute, Washington D.C.

*Girl Rising & Power of Partnerships* (2015), United General Assembly Panel with U.S Department of State, New York.

*Teen Pregnancy in Latin America and the Caribbean - Findings from a World Bank Study* (2014) Global Women's Institute & World Bank

*New Technology and New Ideas: Public Health & Philanthropy* (2012), U.S. Department of State International TechGirls Program.

*New Technologies to Address Maternal and Child Health: International Trends & Evidence* (2012), N. Africa Community Health Initiative, Morocco

*The Future of Global Health: A Pragmatic Optic* (2012), Plenary Session at the USAID Mini-University,

*Global Philanthropy: New Solutions for People-to-People Diplomacy* (2011), U.S. Department of State, Central and South Asia Bureau, Washington D.C.

*Global Philanthropy and New Technology: People to People Connections* (2011), U.S.- India Philanthropy Roundtable, U.S. Consulate, Mumbai India.

*Teen Pregnancy Prevention Among Latino Youth: Be Yourself Se Tu Mismo* (2010), D.C. Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, American Public Health Association.

*Women, Courage, Hope: Feminization of HIV/AIDS in India* (2009), American Medical Women's Association, Washington D.C.

*Adolescent Pregnancy: New Trends and Possible Solutions* (2008), D.C. Department of Health.

*Sexuality, Power and Culture* (2008), Aspen Institute, Aspen Colorado.

*Needs Assessment: Why It is Important and How to Do It?* (2007) National Safe Kids Conference, Washington D.C.

*Health Status of Immigrant Adolescents* (2005) Children's National Medical Center, Washington D.C

*Reproductive Health Disparities Among Immigrant Women: Why do they Exist?* (2005), Capitol Hill Briefing, US House of Representatives, Sponsored by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Washington D.C.

*Health Status of Immigrant Adolescents* (2005) Children's National Medical Center, Washington D.C.

*Latino Adolescent Health* (2004), National Prevention Coalition meeting sponsored by the *National Mental Health Association*, Washington D.C.

*Pioneering Women in Public Health: The Next Generation* (2002), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD.

*Indian Americans Condemn Terrorism & Request Tolerance* (2001), National Press Club, Washington D.C.

*Teen Incentive Projects (TIPs): A Case-management Intervention* (2000), Abell Foundation, Baltimore MD

*Adolescent Reproductive Health Interventions* (1999), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Visiting Committee for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD

*Public Health Challenges for the New Millennium* (1999), Entrepreneurship Conference, Washington D.C.

### **National/International Poster Presentations**

Landry, M., **Vyas, A.**, Malhotra, G., and Nagaraj, N. (2018, October). Gender attitudes and perceptions among adolescents in India: a critical time for change. Poster presented at RTI International Ending Gender Inequalities 2018, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Gonzales, F.A., **Vyas, A.**, Zea, M.C., & Poppen, P.J. "FABulous Latino youth: Ensuring fairness, autonomy, and beneficence when working with Latino adolescent research participants". Poster session presented at the *National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, San Diego, California. September 2012

Proser M, Tobin J, Payne P, **Vyas A**. "The DC Collaborative: Building Community-Engaged Research Capacity in Local Communities in Washington, DC through Supportive Partnerships." **5th Annual Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) National Conference, Bethesda MD, August 2012**

Gonzales, F.A., Garrison, A., & **Vyas, A**. "Impact of pregnancy and condom attitudes on youths' condom use." Poster session presented at *the Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference*, New Orleans, LA. April 2012

Gonzales, F.A., Jennings, J.M., Ellen, J.M., Trent, M., **Vyas, A**. "Person, partner, and place: A multilevel analysis of pregnancy attitudes and contraceptive use." Poster session presented at the *Society for Research on Adolescent Conference*, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. March 2012

Parrish EB, **Vyas A**. "Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship in Public Health: A Case Study of India", Poster presentation at the *139th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting & Expo*, Washington D.C. October 2011.

La Grange R, **Vyas A**. "Violence Exposure Among Urban Young People Living With HIV: Implications for their Health Risk Behaviors and Care." Poster presentation at the *5th International Conference on HIV Treatment Adherence*, Miami Florida. May 2010.

Chaudhary, N, **Vyas A**, Ramiah K. "Perceptions of Health Needs & Priorities: A Sample of National Community Based Organizations and A Sample of South Asians Living in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area," Poster presentation at the *138th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting & Expo*, Denver CO. November 9, 2010.

McDonnell K, Andrade E, Afanador Z, Edberg M, **Vyas A**, Cleary S. "Balancing the unbalanced: Changing gender roles among immigrant Latinos and their effect on gender based violence," Poster presentation at the *138th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting & Expo*, Denver CO. November 7, 2010.

Philpott S, Reutener Hanes B, Slevin KW, Ruiz M, **Vyas A**. "Contraception and Family Planning in HIV Prevention Trials: Current Practice and Stakeholder Perspectives. " Poster presentation at the *Microbicides 2010 Conference*, Pittsburgh PA. May 2010.

Chaudhary, N, **Vyas, A**. "Review and Analysis of Community-Based Organizations Impacting South Asian Americans", Poster presentation at the *New York University Center Studies Asian and American Health*, New York NY. October 2009.

Bishai DM, Mercer D, and **Bhatt [Vyas] A**. "How state policies can control teenage drinking, smoking, and unsafe sex." Presented at the *128th Meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA)*, Boston, MA, November 14, 2000.

Brener N and Bhatt [Vyas]A. "Parent-child Communication and Knowledge of HIV/AIDS." Presented at the *125th meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA)*, Indianapolis, IN, November 1997.

## **GW Research Day Poster Presentations**

Scarlyn Gutierrez Nunez, **Amita Vyas**, Megan Landry, and Susan Wood, *What do Adolescents and Women in D.C. Know About Abortion?*, 2019

\*\*\***2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner of the Gender Equality Prize**)

Kayla Thompson, Amita **Vyas**, Megan Landry, Susan Wood, *Preventing Unintended Pregnancies in Washington D.C.: What Factors are Related to Effective Contraceptive Use*, 2019

**Vyas, A.**, Nagaraj, N., Landry, M., and Malhotra, G. (2018). Pilot Evaluation of the Girl Rising Gender-sensitization Curriculum in India. Poster presented at The George Washington University Diversity and Inclusion Summit 2018, Washington, DC.

Genovese, B. J, **Vyas, A.** (2016). *Investing in Girls: Do Gender Perceptions and Attitudes Matter?*

Nagaraj, C. N., **Vyas, A** & McDonnell, A.K. (2016). *Childhood Family Violence and Adult Health: Is there a Link?* \*\*\***Awarded GW People's Choice Award**

Chumble, P. P. & **Vyas, A** (2016). *Media Utilization and Perceptions of Gender Inequality & Girls' Education in India.*

Bartlett C, **Vyas A** (2012) *Provider Awareness, Knowledge, and Perceptions of Text4baby.*

London-Gross A, **Vyas A.** (2012) *Cultural Adaptations of the Diabetes Prevention Program for South Asian Americans.*

Ghoneim R, **Vyas A** (2012) *A Health Needs Assessment of Arab-Americans in the Washington, DC.*

Hager C, **Vyas A**, Miller BR. (2012) *The Forgotten Youth: Facilitating dialogue about love, sex, values, and relationships to prevent teen pregnancy for adolescents in the DC juvenile justice system*

Kapoor R, **Vyas A**, Soger L (2012) *Text4baby Message Content and Promotional Material Perception Among Latina Women in Washington, DC.*

Rockwern B, **Vyas A**, LaGrange R, Lewis, M. (2012) *Co-morbid Mental Illness, Social Support and HAART Medication Adherence in Youth Living with HIV/AIDS.*

Crum Caroline, **Vyas A.** (2010) *Reproductive Healthcare Needs of Women in Combat.*

Abbasi, S, **Vyas, A.** (2010) *Health Risk Behaviors Among South Asians Living in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Region.*

Barone, J, **Vyas, A** (2010) *Health-Risk Behaviors Among Young People Living With HIV in Washington, D.C*

Patel R, **Vyas A (2009)** *Culturally Sensitive Reproductive Healthcare for South Asian-American Women*

Schwartz A, **Vyas A (2009)** *A Review of Post-Abortion Mental Health Services in the United States*

Parthasarathi P, **Vyas A**, Parrish EB (2009) *Capacity Building: Program Evaluation and Management Needs Among NGOs in India*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE (George Washington University)**

### **Department of Prevention and Community Health**

*Director, Maternal and Child Health Program (2008 – present)*  
*Member, Departmental Executive Committee (2012 - )*  
*Member, Departmental Curriculum Committee (2008 – 2013; 2014 - )*  
*Member, Appointment Promotion Tenure Committee (2013 - )*  
*Co-Chair for Practice, Department Self Study Committee, 2020-2021*  
*Member, Research Committee, (2018 - 2019)*  
*Member, Doctoral Advisory Committee, 2015*  
*Chair, Departmental Admissions Committee (2006 – 2008)*  
*Chair, Departmental Award Review Committee (2012, 2008)*  
*Member, Search committee for Tenure Track Professor of Maternal and Child Health (2012)*  
*Member, Search committee for Tenured Professor and Department Chair (2010 – 2011, 2019 - )*  
*Co-Chair, Search committee for Tenured Professor Public Health Communications/Marketing (2007)*  
*Member, Search committee for Tenure Track Professor/Director of Public Health Communications/Marketing Director (2004 - 2005)*  
*Member, Search committee for Tenure Track Professor of Maternal and Child Health (2004 – 2005)*

### **School of Public Health**

*Co-Chair, COVID-19 Volunteer Task Force, 2020*  
*Member, Search Committee, Department of Health Policy/Jacobs Institute, 2019 - 2020*  
*Member, Search Committee for PCH Department Chair, 2019-2020*  
*Member, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Deans (4 positions), 2018 -2019*  
*Member, 950 Award Committee, 2017, 2018*  
*Member, Curriculum Committee, 2014 – 2017, 2019*  
*Member, Lab Scientist Faculty Search (3 positions), 2014 - 2015*  
*Chair, Core Curriculum Review Committee (2012)*  
*Member, Community Health Workgroup SPHHS Strategic Planning (2012)*  
*Member, Faculty Senate, GWU Medical Center (2006 – 2011)*  
*Member, Appointment Promotion Tenure Advisory Committee (2010)*  
*Chair, Research Committee (2005, Chair 2006 – 2010), 2018-2019*  
*Member, Admissions Committee (2006 – 2008)*

### **University**

*Member, COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group, 2021 -*  
*Member, Community Health and Well-Being Committee for GW Reopen, 2020*  
*Member of Steering Committee, Academy of Distinguished Teachers, 2017-2018*  
*Member, Trachtenberg & Bender Teaching Award Committee, 2018*  
*Judge, GW Business Plan Competition Social Venture Track, January 2014 - 2021*  
*Member, Internal Review Committee, Center for Alcohol & Drug Education/Health Promotion Prevention Services, December 2014 – 2015*  
*Chair, Trachtenberg & Bender Teaching Award Committee, 2014*  
*Member, SPHHS Decanal Review Committee, 2009*  
*Lead Faculty, University's Text 4 Baby Service Campaign, 2011-2012*  
*Member, Bright Horizons Policy Board, 2012-2013*

### **Service to Student Groups**

*Faculty Advisor: GW South Asian Public Health Association, 2011 - 2012*  
*Faculty Advisor: SPHHS Adolescent Health Research Group, 2009*

### **Community Service**

*Virginia & Maryland Medical Reserve Corps, 2020 -*

President, Board of Directors, Global India Fund, 2007 -  
Co-Chair (2019) Vice Chair (2017-2019), Board of Directors, Girl Rising Global  
Board of Advisors, Legacy International, 2012 –  
Board of Advisors, Samhita Social Ventures, 2007 -  
Board of Directors, DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 2008-2011  
Trustee, Bansal Foundation, 2010 –  
Co-Founder & Board of Directors, South Asian Public Health Association, 1999 - 2002  
Board of Directors, Indian American Leadership Initiative, 2002-2003  
President, Network of South Asian Professionals, 2001

## **EDITORIAL PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES**

### **Grant Reviewer (remunerated)**

Grant Reviewer, Grand Challenges Canada, Sexual and Reproductive Health, 2019  
Grant Reviewer, Maternal & Child Health RFP, CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield, October 2014  
Grant Reviewer, HRSA-14-037: MCH Autism Intervention Research Program, June 2014  
Grant Reviewer, NIH/ National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, Loan Repayment Program (2012/08 ZAI1 RWM-M (S1), 2012  
Grant Reviewer, NIH/ National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, U.S. India Collaborative Research Partnership for Prevention of HIV/AIDS and Co-Morbidities (2AI1-EB-A-J1), 2010  
Grant Reviewer, HRSA/Maternal and Child Health Bureau, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012  
Grant Reviewer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Special Emphasis Panel on Reproductive Health, January 2005

### **Grant Reviewer (volunteer)**

Grant Reviewer, CTSI pilot projects, November 2011, March 2011, July 2011, March 2020  
Grant Reviewer, American Association of University Women International Fellowship, 2009  
Grant Reviewer - Baltimore City Health Department, Title X Proposals, 2002  
Grant Reviewer, Center for Adolescent Health Development Award Review Group, 2001 & 2002

### **Editorial (remunerated)**

Editor-in-Chief, *Women's Health Issues*, 2017 - 2021

### **Editorial (volunteer)**

Reviewer, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health  
Reviewer, Journal of Medical Internet Research  
Reviewer, *Women's Health Issues*  
Reviewer, Journal of American Medical Association  
Reviewer, Demography  
Reviewer, Perspectives in Sexual and Reproductive Health

## **EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES (remunerated)**

*Consultant, Binary Fountain Measuring Patient Satisfaction Measures, 2014-2015*  
*Consultant, Geneva Global, Prevention of Human Trafficking in India, 2014*  
*Consultant, Integrating HIV and Family Planning Services, 2008-2009*  
*Consultant, Children's National Medical Center Teen Life Clubs Evaluation, 2008-2010*  
*Consultant, Children's National Medical Center Division of Adolescent Medicine, 2007 – 2008*  
*Evaluation Consultant, Population Services International, Washington D.C., 2005*  
*Evaluation Consultant, Pathfinder International, FOCUS on Young Adults Program, Washington D.C., 2001*



## TEACHING/LEARNING PORTFOLIO

Director, MPH Program in Maternal & Child Health, 2008 -

### Courses

PhD Dissertation Proposal Development Course (2 credits), Dissertation Proposal Development for Social and Behavioral Sciences, Fall 2020

Fundamentals of Program Evaluation (2 credits, 60-100 students), Spring 2020

Maternal & Child Health II: Advanced MCH Research (3 credits, ~20-25 students), 2012 – Present

Program Evaluation (3 credits, ~25-45 students), 2013 – Present

Reproductive Health: U.S. & Global Perspectives (2 credits, ~25-30 students), 2004 – 2014, 2017, 2018 - 2020

Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship Short Term Abroad Course, (2 credits, 15-25 students)  
India 2011/2012  
South Africa 2013/2014  
Peru 2015

Researching Gender Based Violence (MPH@GW), Spring 1 & 2 2016

Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health (2 credits, ~75–100 students), 2006 – 2011

2U PubH 6007 (2013), Course Architect and Director (2014)

Adolescent Health (2 credits, ~25–35 students), 2004 -2008

Management Approaches to Public Health (3 credits, ~75-100 students), 2006 – 2007

Johns Hopkins University, *Evaluation Research II: Intermediate Methods And Case Studies*. Co-Instructor. 2002, 2003

Johns Hopkins University, *Family Planning Programs: Research and Evaluation*. Teaching Assistant, 1996

Johns Hopkins University, *Population Change and Public Health*. Head Teaching Assistant. 1995 - 1998

## STUDENTS AND TRAINEES: ADVISING/MENTORING

### Capstone Advisor (MPH students 2006 - )

Ruth I. Hoffman (2006) "Childhood Cancer: A Media Advocacy Campaign to Build Awareness and Public Funding for a Target Therapeutic Research Initiative. A Final Report on Activities Conducted at Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation between November 2005 and May 2006"

Zina V. Peters (2007) "Childhood Obesity: A Content Analysis of Food Advertisements and Public Service Announcements that Air on Nickelodeon"

Daniela Resh (2008), "Pregnancy Ambivalence and Partner Influences,  
**\*\*GWUMC Research Day Best Presentation Award**

Farah Mawla (2008), Quality of Care for Family Planning Services in Jordan.”

Andrea Schwartz (2008), “A Review of post-abortion mental health services in the United States.”

Bridget Reutener Hanes (2008), “Pregnancy Management and Contraceptive Care Issues in Biomedical HIV Prevention Trials.”

Nitasha Chaudhary (2008) “Review & Analysis of Community-based Organizations Impacting South Asian Americans.”

Julia Rollison (Global Health, 2008) “Does Race/Ethnicity Matter? African Americans and HIV Vaccine Trial Participation”

Emily Wilson (2009) “A Needs Assessment of Mental Health Services for Adolescent Latino Immigrants in Washington D.C.”

**\*\*PCH Research Fellowship Awardee**

Aziza Hull (2009), “Back to Basics: A Needs Assessment on Reproductive Health Services Available to Adolescents in D.C.”

Carrie Crum (2009) “Reproductive Health Care Needs of Women in Combat.”

**\*\*PCH Research Fellowship Awardee**

Sonia Fienbig (Global Health student, 2009) “The Perspectives of Cervical Cancer, Human Papillomavirus, and Human Papillomavirus Vaccine.”

Rakhi Patel (2009) “Assessment of Culturally Sensitive Reproductive Healthcare for South Asian-American Women” **\*\*PCH CE Award Winner**

Sarwat Abbasi (2010) “Health Risk Behaviors among South Asians living in Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.”

Jennifer Barone (2010) “Health-Risk Behaviors Among Young People living with HIV in Washington, D.C.”

**\*\*PCH CE Award Winner**

Ashley Chadwick (2011) “Assessing the Reproductive Health Status of Women Through the Lens of Abortion Access and Insurance Status. Falls Church Healthcare center, 2010.”

Rachel Feinberg (2011) “Discovering the Psychological Support Needs of Women living with Ovarian Cancer.”

Kristina Krupincza (2011) “Pregnancy Wantedness Among HIV Positive Adolescents and Young Adults.”

**\*\*1st Prize Student Awards, Children’s National Medical Center Research Day**

Priya Mishra (2011) “Understanding Gestational Diabetes Among South Asian Women in the United States”

Marissa Schnider (2011) “Formative Research to Develop A Social Media Component for the TPP Program, Be Yourself/Se tu Mismo”

Hanna Hromulak (2012) “Examining Health Behaviors of Latino Youth: Needs Assessment for Youth Enrolled in the Empowering Latino Youth Program”

Alexandra London-Gross (2012) “Cultural Adaptations of the Diabetes Prevention Program for South Asian Americans”

Lauren Anvari (2012) “Process Evaluation of Healthy Living/Vida Sana Program”

Allie O’Leary (2012) “Expectant and Pregnant Mothers Knowledge of Text4baby”  
**\*\*PCH CE Awardee**

Brooke Stein (2012) “A Quantitative Look at Gaps in Information Attainment for Pregnant Women and New Mothers in the US”  
**\*\*PCH CE Awardee**

Rashi Kapoor (2012) “Assessing Text4Baby Spanish Message Content Within Latina in Washington DC”

Courtney Bartlett (2012) “Provider Awareness, Knowledge, and Perceptions of Text4baby in Washington DC”  
**\*\*PCH CE Awardee**

Nadja Strucker (2012) “Needs assessment measuring the knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs of young women toward preconception care at an OB/GYN practice”  
**\*\* PCH CE Awardee**

Reem Gonheim (2012) “A Health Needs Assessment of Arab-Americans in the Washington, DC Area”  
**\*\*PCH CE Awardee**

Charlotte Hager (2012) “The Forgotten Youth: Facilitating Dialogue to Prevent Teen Pregnancy for Adolescents in the DC Juvenile Justice System”

Angela Rojas (2012) “Use and perceptions of a social media component for the Empowering Latino Youth Program”

Elizabeth Barnett (2013) “Smoke-Free GW: Smoking Prevalence and Behaviors of a Random Sample of Undergraduate Students at The George Washington University”

Erin M. Kennedy (2013) “Evaluating Staff and Participant Perceptions of the At-Risk After School Supper Program in D.C Department of Parks and Recreation Facilities”

Amna Vahidy (2013) “South Asian family-level behaviors in the US: Can we develop a web-based diabetes prevention intervention?”

Isabella Lessa (2013) “Breastfeeding Beliefs and Attitudes at GW”

Hilary Robertson (2013) “An Examination of Child Sexual Abuse in a Sample of South Asian Americans”  
**\*\*PCH CE Awardee**

Shahina Akter (2014) “Associations of Assisted Reproductive Technology Utilizations with Lifestyle Factors and State Insurance Mandates in the United States”

Sarah M. Oravec (2014) “Predisposing, Enabling, and Reinforcing Factors of Breastfeeding Support at GW GSEHD: Challenges and Opportunities”  
**\*\*PCH CE Awardee**

Alexandra Hyman (2015) “Knowledge, Attitudes, and Self-Efficacy of Physical Activity and Nutrition among Participants in the ACHIEVE Triathlon Program”

Emily Albert (2015) "Analysis of Sexual and Reproductive Health indicators in Mali before and after a Humanitarian Crisis"

Hannah Kobbett (2015) "Community Health Needs Assessment"

Michael Matheke-Fischer (2017) "An Assessment of the Effects of Interpersonal Communication and Social Mobilization on Severe and Moderate Acute Malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh, India"

**\*\*PCH CE Awardee**

Jordan Genovese (2017) "Stones and Sticks to Bars and Bricks: The Relationship Between Bullying, Violence, and Health Among Women in Washington DC"

Kelsey Spear (2017) "Assessment of Gender Attitudes Toward Women & Girls in India"

Anita Balan, Health Promotion (2017) "Girl Rising Pilot Evaluation in Quincy Mass Schools"

Vincent Salazar (2017), Global Health, "Development of a Philippines Girl Rising Campaign"

Mary Ismail (2018), "Provider Perceptions of Family Planning Needs in D.C."

Oghogho Oghogho (2018) "A qualitative analysis of the factors that influence contraceptive decision-making among adolescent girls and women in Washington, DC"

Julia Hillard (2018) "Connecting Subjective Well-being, Violence and Health among South Asian Women in the U.S."

Shiva Salehian (2018) "Correlation between social media and internet activities and texting in one hand and Positive Youth Development(PYD) in the other hand among Latino adolescents"

Namita Kansal (2018) "Analysis of Girl Rising India Baseline Interviews"

Gayatri Malhotra, Global Health (2018) "Gender Perceptions Among Middle School Adolescents in Rural India"

Kayla Thompson (2019) Preventing Unintended Pregnancies in Washington, D.C.: What Factors are Related to Effective Contraceptive Use

Nina Khona (2019) Assessing Safe Kids Worldwide Coalitions' Bicycle Safety Activities: What's Working and What's Not

Stephanie Asher (Global Health Epi, 2019) Gender Attitudes and Violence among College Students in India- a cross-sectional study

Scarlyn Gutierrez Nunez (2019) What do Adolescents and Women in D.C. Know About Abortion?

Selene Brambl (2019) Subjective Well-Being among New Mothers.

Aimanoshi Arogundade (2019) A Secondary Analysis Examining the Effect of Socio-Cultural Factors on Abortion Experience and Perception of the Risk of Abortion among Nigerian Women Aged 15-50

Vicha Annisa Adri (2020), Adolescent Male Knowledge of Contraception Methods in SE Washington, DC

Courtney Gonzalez, CHES (2020), Parents Perceptions of Gun Violence and School Shootings in the U.S.

Grace Mikus (2020), Parents Perceptions of Gun Violence and School Shootings in the U.S.

Hannah Low (2020), Gender Equitable Attitudes in Young Girls and Adolescents: Analysis of Girl Rising Pilot Program in Guatemala

Morgan Kramer (2020), Perceptions of Emergency Contraception among Students at the George Washington University

Tiffany Wise (2020), Cultural Barriers and Social Perceptions of Accessing Emergency Contraception

Stela Pitadar (2020), A virtual ecological assessment to determine the level of difficulty of accessing emergency contraception in Washington D.C

Brandee D Roberts (2020), Breastfeeding prevalence of preterm and term infants: a secondary analysis of the National Survey of Children's Health

Patience Mhlanga (2020), Case Studies: Assessing the Contributions of Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) in Healthcare Service Delivery and Health Systems Strengthening in Bangladesh, Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zambia

Leah Keller (2020), Prevalence of Maternal Health Interventions throughout Pregnancy and Government Health Expenditures: A Quantitative Analysis of Global Patterns

### **Doctoral Dissertation/Research Committee**

Dissertation Chair, Bolatito Ogunbiyi (expected graduation 2021)

Doctoral Research Mentor/Adviser, Sarah Axelson, Dr.PH student, Health Behavior, School of Public Health, George Washington University, 2019 -

Doctoral Research Mentor/Adviser, Bolatito Ogunbiyi, Dr.PH student, Health Behavior, School of Public Health, George Washington University, 2018 -

Dissertation Chair, Nitasha Chaudhary, Dr.PH Candidate, Health Behavior, School of Public Health, George Washington University, 2016 (Graduated)

Dissertation Chair, Megan Landry, Dr.PH Candidate, Health Behavior, School of Public Health, George Washington University, 2015 (Graduated)

Committee Member, Felisa Gonzales, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Psychology, George Washington University, 2013 (Graduated)

Reader, Tamarah Moss, Ph.D., Department of Social Work, Howard University Graduate School, 2010 (Graduated)

### **Mentored Research**

**Faculty Mentor**, Kayla Thompson, CCF Award, \$500; Schiffer Fellowship, \$5,000

**Faculty Mentor** for Gayatri Malhorta, Knapp Fellowship, \$10,000; KACIF Grant \$3500; CCF Award \$1,000

**Co-sponsor** for Felisa Gonzales' NIH-funded National Research Service Award Fellowship, *Adolescent Latino Sexual Behavior: More Reactive or Reasoned?* F31 HD070765, August 2011-July 2013.

**Research Mentor** for Lindsay Gordon, Gamow Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2010-2011

## **PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE**

**U.S.-India Alliance for Women's Economic Empowerment (Alliance)**, Executive Committee, 2019 - The Alliance is a platform created to enable the private sector, academia, and civil society in the United States and India to work together to accelerate the growth of women owned or operated businesses and women's workforce participation in India by increasing women's access to finance, mentoring, and technical assistance. The Alliance will also pay particular attention to addressing upstream factors associated with meaningful and sustainable economic empowerment of women, including women's health, education, safety, and gender equity. The U.S. Department of State (State), George Washington University (GWU), Georgetown University (GU), U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID), and the U.S. – India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) are co-leading the Alliance (MOU signed in 2019)

**Girl Rising, Producer, Vice Chair, Chair, 2014 - 2020**

Girl Rising is a powerful storytelling campaign to inspire action and reduce gender-based discrimination. Since its release in 2013, the feature film 'Girl Rising' has grown into a thriving global movement, with thousands of grassroots supporters in over 150 countries leading change for girls. In 2017, GW became the official academic partner for Girl Rising (MOU signed).

**Global India Fund (GIF), Founder and President/Board of Directors, 2007 –**

GIF is a non-profit organization committed to inspiring global philanthropy and service. GIF was founded in 2007 to provide opportunities for NGOs, donors, students, and faculty to collaborate on public health activities service activities in India.

**Samhita Social Ventures, Mumbai India, Board of Advisors, 2008 –**

Samhita means “collective good” and its mission is to help people and organizations “do good better” by creating symbiotic relationships between those who are bringing about change on the ground and those who have the means and resources to enable that change. Through the “Samhita ecosystem,” a credible platform and thought leadership, they enable NGOs, companies, donor agencies, individuals, philanthropists, foundations and researchers to achieve their specific goals and make informed decisions that translate into purposeful action and large-scale social impact.

## **Creative Endeavors**

**Campaign Producer**, Co-Produced 12 short videos with themes of girls and women's empowerment to raise awareness and inspire action. These videos were disseminated across digital media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube complete with concise and specific Call to Actions, and in collaboration with celebrity ambassadors/ influencers. The campaign reached over 5 million people.

**Film Producer**, Co-Produced the film *Girl Rising India* with Freida Pinto, Priyanka Chopra, and Tess Joseph. The film launched on Star TV on August 15, 2015 in India.

**Guest Writer**, Monthly Articles on Women's Health for the Middle East Magazine, Black & White, 2018-2019  
**Film**, Advised YouthAIDS India, a documentary film with Ashley Judd and the National Geographic Channel on HIV/AIDS in India, 2008