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EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD
Department of Population and Family Health Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), 2005

Yale University, School of Public Health, New Haven, CT
Master of Public Health (MPH), 1998
Concentration in Chronic Disease Epidemiology

Connecticut College, New London, CT
BA in Zoology and English, 1994

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Boston, MA
Professor of the Practice; Director, Master of Public Health Program 7/17 – Present
Associate Department Chair, Health Sciences 8/20 – Present

- Teaching
 - Urban Community Health Assessment (Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2021)
 - Health Education and Program Planning (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020)
 - Capstone (Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020)
 - Practicum (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Summer 2019, Fall 2019)
- Administration:
 - MPH Program Director
 - Increased program enrollment by over 150% from 2018 – 2020
 - Developed new PlusOne and dual-degree programs with the College of Professional Studies, the Master of Science in Health Informatics, and the Master of Science in Exercise Science Programs
 - Developing an MBA-x with the D'More – McKim School of Business
 - Doubled size of BS/MPH enrollment
 - Advise students across all degree variants
 - Developing new lifelong learning initiatives including certificates and micro-credentials
 - Chair MPH Program Committee, MPH Community Advisory Board, and MPH Alumni Advisory Board
 - Associate Chair, Health Sciences
 - Leading growth strategies across Department of Health Sciences
 - Collaborating with Enrollment Management and Bouvé Dean's Office to identify opportunities for growth across DHS graduate degree programs
- Service – Department, College, & University
2020:
 - Member, Future School of Public Health Task Force
 - Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee
 - Co-Chair, Bouvé Strategic Plan Working Group – Growing Revenue
 - Member, Bouvé Strategic Plan Working Group – Improving Student Experience
 - Member, Faculty Search Committee, Health Economics – Department of Health Sciences
 - Chair, MPH Program Committee
 - Chair, MPH Community Advisory Board
 - Chair, MPH Alumni Advisory Board

2019

- Member, Future School of Public Health Task Force
- Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee
- Member, Bouvé Continuing Education Committee
- Member, TT Faculty Search Committee, Health Economics – Department of Health Sciences
- Chair, Department of Health Sciences Chair Search Committee
- Chair, MPH Program Committee

2018

- Co-Chair, Bouvé College COMET Task Force
- Member, Graduate Curriculum Committee
- Chair, TT Faculty Search Committee, Health Economics/Health Policy – Dept. of Health Sciences
- Member, BCHS Graduate Program Council
- Member, Health Sciences Merit and Workload Committee
- Member, TT Faculty Search Committee, Health Economics – Department of Health Sciences
- Co-Chair, NTT Faculty Search Committee – Department of Health Sciences
- Chair, MPH Program Committee

- Professional & Community Leadership/Service

2020:

- Co-founder and Co-lead: Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps
- President, Massachusetts Public Health Association (12/20 – Present)
- Board Member, Massachusetts Public Health Association (Executive Committee, Nominating Committee)
- Board Member, UTEC, Inc (DEI & Executive Committee)
- Board Member, American Cancer Society Eastern New England Region (Governance Committee)
- Member, United Way of Mass Bay Community Impact Council
- Member, Public Health Practice Section, Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health
- Abstract Reviewer, APHA Annual Conference

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- Member, United Way of Mass Bay Community Impact Council
- Member, Public Health Practice Section, Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health
- Reviewer – American Journal of Public Health, article titled “Addressing the blind spot for cancer care innovation – health inequity”

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- Student Capstone Committees/Mentorship

2020:

- Capstone
 - Akoh, Violet: Understanding factors that influence high blood pressure among African Immigrants in the United States: Neighborhood Study of Brockton, MA
 - Carvalho, Kevin: Outcomes-based survey tool: an evaluation plan for Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly
 - Vajeed, Nawal: Social Capital and its Role in Urban Disaster Resilience

- Barrows, Caitlin: Sexual and Reproductive Health in Refugee Camps in Middle- and Low- Income Countries
- Inoue, Naoki: Automation of Systematic Reviews Study
- Yiu, Sarah: Tick and Lyme Disease Educational Program Utilizing Health Promotion Materials in Arlington, MA
- Tovar, Tatiana: Facing the vaping crisis in Massachusetts: a surge in cases of severe pulmonary disease
- Appiah, Donna: Rating interpersonal interaction: first impressions of Boston doctors
- Beight, Leah: FACE COVID virtually: a qualitative study to explore the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on families of children with serious illness
- Forrest, Colleen: Use of a healthy and sustainable food availability inventory (HSFAI) tool to assess physical grocery stores and online delivery services in Boston, MA during the COVID-19 public health crisis
- Crocetti, Michelle: Urban home fire prevention programs: a collaborative review for improvement

2019

- Capstone
 - Tramontozzi, Amy: The role of nurses in telemedicine: improving health outcomes
 - Shah, Romaisa: A health needs assessment with residents of Lexington Gardens at the Watertown Housing Authority
 - Black, Renee: More than a meal: A program evaluation for the home-based meals delivery program “Meals on Wheels” for South Shore Elder Services.
 - Gray, Charlotte: Romantic relationships and healthy eating: applications to a low socioeconomic & African American sample
 - Swanson, Emily: Incorporating evidence-based contraceptive practices in pediatric primary care.
 - Woodstock, Julie: Prenatal substance abuse: analyzing the immediate and long-term health effects with recommendations for perinatal provider stewardship
 - Hannan, Kimberly: Growing Together: A literature review of the impact nutrition has on children, the barriers children face, and ways to advocate for nutrition through schools.
 - Ampofo, Nicole: Participants in an early mental health intervention program.
 - Tangri, Cherry: An Evaluation Plan for YOU, Inc., Worcester. A Pilot Implementation of the Behavioral Health Triage Model in Central Massachusetts
 - Ransom, Cristina: Evaluating "The Dimock Difference" in Early Detection and Prevention of Gynecological Cancer
 - Van Es, Eline: Practices and policies for opioid overdose prevention, response and postvention in MA: survey and interview tool development.
 - Torkel, Emily: Implementing workplace health interventions: the health of the urban workforce
 - Trieu, Hao: Identifying factors that affect a construction company’s decision to participate in research-led health and safety programs.

- Pamphile, Jennifer: Understanding how social support impacts breast cancer disparities among African-American women
- Fryerwood, Margaret Ann: Evaluation of an Afterschool Sexual Health Education Program in Two Greater Boston Urban Neighborhoods
- Shanks, Rebecca: The impact of community gardens on the social and economic challenges faced by female refugees in the U.S.
- Iriah, Sade: An intranasal gene therapy for opioid relapse reduction
- Shaw, Samantha: The impact of community gardens on the social and economic challenges faced by female refugees in the U.S
- Other
 - Student Summer Independent Research Fellowship
 - Celestin D, Louis A, Trauger E: Stroke Knowledge and Prevention Practices: A Comparative Study in Tokyo and Bangkok

2018

- Pires-Tavares, Saige: SAY IT: A Community Approach to Sustainable Urban Farming Practices
- Pilsbury, Kellen: Reducing Stress and Risk of Negative Health Outcomes Among Working Parents by Adding Childcare Resources and Utilizing Family Childcare Providers in Underserved Communities: A Community and Occupational Health Approach
- Altman, Dayna: Eboni's Closet: How Fashion Literacy and Body Confidence Serve as Protective Factors for Mental Illness Among Homeless Teen Girls
- Sundaresan, Suma: Overview of the Awareness Rate of the Correlation of Oral Health with Diabetes in the Latino Population
- Griffin, Cassidy: Predictors of Prescription Opioid Use, Misuse, and Use Disorder in United States Adults
- Fontin, Francesca: Violence Prevention: The Process of a Comparative Analysis of Strategic Plans in the US
- Ghattas, Catherine: A Program Evaluation of Boston Public Health Commission's Engagement Center
- Fortune, D'Janapha: Unconventional Medicine: Community Based Approaches to Addressing Trauma and Facilitating Healing Among African American Adults
- Hickey, Julia: How to Investigate Elder Abuse: Incorporating MA Elder Protective Services Agencies' Perspectives in the Development of Standards of Practice
- Bandanza, Lane: Survey Development for Babson College's Pilot Online Alcohol Education Program
- Eid, Neda: American Women's Reproductive Autonomy Experiences

- Presentations, Guest Lectures, Publications

2020:

- Presentation: The Unequal Burden of COVID-19: Understanding the Role of Social Determinants of Health, June 2020, Accenture
- Presentation: The Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps: Engaging students, alumni, and health professionals to support local public health, July 2020, ASPPH Practice Section
- Presentation: Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps, December 2020, National Academies of Practice Forum
- Presentation: Addressing local health challenges for COVID-19, April 2020, National Academies of Practice
- Presentation: COVID-19 Disparities during the pandemic. NEU School Health Academy, April 2020
- Guest Lecture: Defining and deconstructing health disparities: a pathway to health equity. Guest Lecture for Northeastern University PA Program
- Module development – Life after COVID-19 vaccinations, Global Resilience Institute, Northeastern University
- Panel Member – The science behind the COVID-19 vaccines. Bouvé College, December 2020
- Presentation – COVID-19 disparities: a primer. Northeastern University ViTAL, June 2020

2019:

- Presentation: The social determinants of health: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Podium Presentation. The Power of Diversity & Inclusion, New England Employee Benefits Council Conference, February 2019

2018:

- Publication:
 - Maniar, N., Wiedt, T., Wender, R. (2018). Understanding the Social Determinants of Cancer: Challenges, Opportunities, and Pathways to Success. In Hopewood P, Milroy M (Ed.), *Quality Cancer Care* (pp. 37-60). Springer.
link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-319-78649-0_4#citeas

OTHER NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7/15 – 7/17

American Cancer Society, Framingham, MA

Vice President, Health Systems

- Developed and led division strategy for health systems across New England to improve outcomes related to cancer prevention, screening, intervention and survivorship
- Managed 11 patient navigation programs throughout New England
- Served on Division Senior Leadership Team and national leadership groups
- Managed 4 teams and 40 staff located in offices throughout New England
- Developed and led complex initiatives within a highly matrixed organization
- Collaborated with patient groups and health system partners to identify and implement innovative solutions to address cancer-related needs for patients and their caregivers
- Led novel programs to increase access to transportation, lodging and other cancer-related resources for patients and families throughout New England

9/14-6/17

Northeastern University, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Boston, MA

Adjunct Faculty

- Taught graduate-level Urban Community Health Assessment and Health Education & Program Planning courses
- Developed and taught online graduate-level courses in Urban Community Health Assessment and Health Education & Program Planning

4/10-6/15

Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Instructor in Medicine, Division of General Medicine

- Primary research and program development areas included: social determinants of health, cancer intervention and prevention, population health and health disparities

9/08-9/14

Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Director of Health Equity Programs, Center for Community Health and Health Equity

- Developed multi-disciplinary partnerships and innovative strategies to address disparities in infant mortality, violence, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and chronic diseases
- Co-Led colonoscopy patient navigation program. Reduced no-show rates from 50% to 16% and increased colonoscopy completion rates from 42% to 70% within two years
- Developed breast health promotion community grant program focusing on breast cancer prevention and early detection. Distributed \$200K to four CBOs.
- Managed case management programs addressing the needs of patients receiving prenatal care in four Boston community health centers
- Leveraged quality metrics, including HEDIS measures and readmission data, to identify persistent and emerging health disparities
- Developed a comprehensive and dynamic hospital-wide health equity dashboard
- Directed all data and evaluation activities, including oversight of Efforts to Outcomes (ETO), development of new data systems, and application of novel evaluation methods
- Co-chaired the DF/HCC Community Engagement Committee
- Supervised two program teams and managed a budget of over \$500,000

9/04-9/08

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston, MA

Director, Massachusetts Youth Violence Prevention Program

- Created a comprehensive youth development focused youth violence prevention program within the MA Department of Public Health
- Secured a 2-year, \$200,000 CDC capacity-building grant to start the program
- Worked with community advocates to develop legislation funding DPH youth violence prevention efforts and secured \$2M in state funding within 3 years of program inception
- Developed the *Prevention of Youth Violence through Promotion of Positive Youth Development* community grant program
- Managed a \$3.5M budget including over \$2.8M in youth violence prevention grants awarded to 26 community-based organizations across the state
- Provided strategic guidance and technical support to grantees
- Collaborated extensively with a diverse group of public and private partners to achieve program objectives and enhance sustainability of program initiatives
- Directed the development of a statewide strategic plan for youth violence prevention

9/04-1/09

Massachusetts Coalition for Youth Violence Prevention, Boston, MA

Chairperson 9/04-11/07, Co-Chair 12/07-1/09

- Founded, chaired and later co-chaired multidisciplinary coalition that included representatives from a diverse cross-section of community partners
- Managed coalition growth from 15 initial members to over 60 members within 3 years
- Created a Youth Leadership Board to promote role of youth as key partners
- Coalition raised awareness of youth violence as a critical public health issue and advocated for youth development and violence prevention resources at the local and state level

7/02-9/04

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston, MA

Injury Prevention Analyst

- Designed and conducted both qualitative and quantitative evaluation activities across multiple areas of injury prevention
- Chaired a national working group to develop a web-based data collection system for child death review teams. This system is currently implemented in several states
- Enhanced capacity for data collection and utilization through working with child death review teams across the state

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

President, Massachusetts Public Health Association, 12/20 - Present
Board of Directors, Member DEI and Executive Committees, UTEC-Lowell, 12/17 - Present
Board of Directors, American Cancer Society, Eastern New England, 10/17 - Present
Member, Community Impact Council, United Way Mass Bay and Merrimack V, 8/17 - Present
Board of Directors, President-Elect, Massachusetts Public Health Association, 10/14 - Present
Advisory Board, Youth Violence Prevention Funders Collaborative, 1/08-1/14
Board of Directors, The Full Frame Initiative, 6/11 – 7/14
Co-chair, Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Community Engagement Committee, 6/13 – 9/14
Expert Advisory Board, Governor's Safe and Successful Youth Initiative, 5/11 – 5/13
Scientific Advisory Board, nFocus Software, 8/11 – 1/13
Chair/Co-Chair, Massachusetts Coalition for Youth Violence Prevention, 09/04-1/09
Alumni Class President, Connecticut College Class of 1994, 1994-2000
Senior Class President, Connecticut College, 1993-94

PUBLICATIONS

Maniar N, Wiedt T, Wender R. "Understanding Social Determinants of Cancer: Challenges, Opportunities, and Pathways to Success." *Quality Cancer Care*. April 2018. Hopewood P., Milroy M (Eds).

Naylor J, **Maniar S**, Chan WW. "Appointment-keeping behaviors and procedure day are associated with colonoscopy attendance in a patient navigator population." *Prev Med*. 2017 Apr; 97: 8-12

Maniar S, Zaff J. (2011). A Lifespan, relational, public health model of self-regulation: Impact on individual and community health." In R.M. Lerner, (Eds.), *Thriving in childhood and adolescence: The role of self-regulation processes*. *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development*, 133, 77-86.

Farren CK, O'Malley S, Grebski G, **Maniar S**, Porter M, Kreek MJ "Variable dose naltrexone-induced hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal stimulation in abstinent alcoholics: a preliminary study." *Alcoholism Clinical Experimental Research* 1999 Mar;23(3):502-8

Schluger JH, Ho A, Borg L, Porter M, **Maniar S**, Gunduz M, Kreek MJ "Nalmefene causes greater hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis activation than naloxone in normal volunteers: implications for the treatment of alcoholism." *Alcoholism Clinical Experimental Research* 1998 Oct;22(7):1430-6

AWARDS

Mach Arom Young Alumni Award, Connecticut College, June 2009