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EDUCATION

The University of Kentucky, College of Public Health **Lexington, KY**
 Doctor of Public Health - August 2007
 Concentration: Health Behavior
 Doctoral Dissertation: The protective effects of psychotherapeutic medications (PTM) on the STD related behaviors and adverse sexual outcomes of detained adolescents.

Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, **New Orleans, LA**
 Master of Public Health Degree – December 1999
 Concentration: Maternal and Child Health
 Master’s Capstone: Partners for Healthy Babies Social Marketing and Community Outreach Campaign to Decrease Infant Mortality and Morbidity.

Xavier University of Louisiana, **New Orleans, LA**
 Bachelor of Science Degree – August 1998
 Major: Chemistry, Pre-Med
 Thesis: Testing the Alpha Amylase of the Common Bean.

Expertise: Health Disparities, Quality and Performance Improvement, Health Care Delivery, Maternal and Child Health, Adolescent Health, Mental Health, Health Policy, Workforce Development

Additional Coursework and Technical Skills: Advanced Health Services Management, Health Care Delivery Systems, Management of Public Health Organizations, Health Law and Policy, Quality Improvement in Healthcare, Group Dynamics, Public Health Preparedness and Planning, Health Finance, Public Health Systems and Services Research, Advanced Biostatistics, Advanced Epidemiology, Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS), Research Methods, Health Communication for Diverse Populations, Statistical Logistic Regression and Analysis, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Powerpoint, Blackboard, Grantwriting Certification

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kentucky Department of Public Health **Frankfort, KY**
Office of Health Equity **10/2008-Present**

Director

University of Kentucky, College of Public Health
Department of Health Services Management

Assistant Professor

Lead statewide quality improvement efforts to enhance performance of the state public health practice and service delivery system for the elimination of health disparities in chronic disease. Monitor the economic impact of chronic disease on the public health system. Develop leadership trainings and competencies for the current and future public health workforce to meet accreditation standards. Provide recommendations to local, state, and non-profit community partners for the improvement of health care access. Responsible for assuring a culturally and linguistically competent state and local public health workforce. Collaborate with hospitals and healthcare organizations to develop health outcome indicators to conduct quality transdisciplinary health systems research. Prepare budgets and monitor expenditures from various funding sources for program operation. Grantwriting. Procure funding and resources to expand programming. Teaching.

**University of Kentucky, College of Public Health
Center for Public Health Systems and Services Research
Project Coordinator/Post Doctoral Fellow/Instructor**

**Lexington, KY
08/2007-2008**

Worked on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded project for the development of a Public Health Systems Research database in collaboration with the National Library of Medicine. Conducted a qualitative study of local health departments to analyze effectiveness and performance of their role in the national public health system. Organizational development planning. Facilitated a national advisory committee for the data harmonization of national healthcare surveys. Administrated research grantee program. Served as principal investigator of an adolescent tobacco availability project and a prescription drug use project through competitively obtained grant funding. Managed budget for 3 projects to seek opportunities for expansion of healthcare access. Evaluated quantitative research for the Health Education through Extension Leadership Project to improve chronic disease outcomes. Manuscript writing. Taught Graduate-level Public Health Practice & Administration course.

**University of Kentucky, College of Public Health
Research/Teaching Assistant**

**Lexington, KY
08/2004-08/2007**

Taught and coached approximately 120 graduate students on Public Health Practice and Administration implemented graduate level seminar courses. Planned exhibitor demonstrations for national conferences. Created health surveys. Collected data. Worked on peer reviewed manuscripts. Managed and developed online e-health training courses. Served on national and regional committees for the planning of seminars, conferences and trainings related to public health, healthcare access, workforce development.

**Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)
Maternal and Child Health Information Center
Cook County Department of Public Health
Division of Epidemiology
Intern**

**Chicago, IL
06/2006-8/2006**

Collaborated with regional health partners to develop acuity ratings for the Family Case Management System. Evaluated and assessed regional maternal and child health activities among 6 local health departments. Conducted statistical analysis. Disseminated data to regional health partners for performance evaluation. Developed recommendations for future maternal and child health epidemiological assessment and policy development.

**ORC Macro, Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Data Collection Manager**

**Atlanta, GA
02/2002-05/2004**

Supervised data collection sites for the gathering of health data from adolescent survey participants. Managed survey documentation and contracts. Traveled to 4 national cities to collect survey data from research over 50 participants. Coordinated and scheduled assessments.

**The University of Georgia
Strong African American Families Project (SAAF)
Project Coordinator**

**Athens, GA
04/2003-09/2003**

Managed staff of 20 data collectors for a behavioral research project. Trained staff on appropriate research methods. Maintained and updated a Microsoft Access database of research participants. Managed data used for reporting and analysis, evaluated project effectiveness, and assessed where there may be opportunities to improve the project. Developed reports to inform senior management about the progress of the project.

**Georgia Department of Human Resources
Division of Public Health, Injury Prevention Section
Health Educator**

**Atlanta, GA
07/2001-04/2002**

Spearheaded social marketing health promotion campaign for child injury prevention. Implemented community trainings to raise awareness of state child passenger safety program. Planned quantitative research study along with Emergency Medical Services to evaluate child safety seat usage across the state of Georgia. Disseminated research findings to regional and national partners.

**Louisiana Office of Public Health
Vital Records Registry
Public Health Liaison**

**New Orleans, LA
09/2000-07/2001**

Managed vital record data collection in 25 parishes across the state. Trained approximately 200 health professionals and government personnel on the recording, filing and archiving of vital records. Ensured compliance of statutory policies and procedures regarding vital records and statistics.

Research Activities

- 2009- Principal Investigator, Infant Mortality Health Disparities in Jefferson County, KY, Kentucky Department of Public Health, Frankfort, KY
- 2008 Principal Investigator, Using Medications Safely: Generation Rx, University of Kentucky Lexington, KY
- 2008 Principal Investigator, Owsley County Youth Tobacco Project, University of Kentucky Lexington, KY
- 2006-2007 Principal Investigator, Children Behind Bars, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2006- Epidemiologist Intern, Family Case Management: Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology, Cook County Department of Public Health, Oak Park, IL
- 2004- Evaluator, Health Education through Extension Leadership (H.E.E.L.), College of Public Health & College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2002-2004 Data Collection Manager, National Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS), ORC Macro, Atlanta, GA
- 2002 Project Coordinator/Data Manager, Strong African American Families (SAAF), Child and Family Development, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2001-2002 Health Educator, Safe Children, Injury Prevention Section, Georgia Division of Public Health, Atlanta, GA
- 1999 Community Outreach Coordinator, Partners for Healthy Babies, Maternal and Child Section, Louisiana Office of Public Health, New Orleans, LA
- 1997-1998 Research Assistant, Biochemistry Department, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA
- 1994 Research Assistant, HIV Pharmacology, College of Pharmacy, Xavier University New Orleans, LA

Teaching Experience

- 2009- Lecturer/ Mentor, Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- 2004-2008 Teaching Assistant/Co-Professor, Public Health Practice and Administration, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

2005 Guest Lecturer, Maternal and Child Health Issues: Introduction to Public Health Undergraduate Course, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Consulting Experience

2009 Expert Advisor, Co-Founder, Health Equity Network, Lexington, KY

2009 Expert Advisor, Public Health Workforce/Leadership Committee, Kentucky Department of Public Health, Frankfort, KY

2005-2006 Organizer/Evaluator, Public Health Doctoral Colloquium, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

2004-2006 Exhibit Coordinator, National Priester Health Conference, College of Public Health & College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

2001-2002 Public Health Liaison, Vital Records Registry, Louisiana Office of Public Health, New Orleans, LA

2007 Consultant, Kentucky Community Benefits Programs, College of Public Health, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

2008- Mentor/Consultant, Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute

Editorial Experience

2006 Contributing Editor, Scutchfield FD, Keck W.(2009) *Principles of Public Health Practice, 3rd Edition*. Thomas Delmar Learning.

2009 Reviewer, Journal of Adolescent Research

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association of State Offices of Minority Health 2009-Present
 Academy Health 2008-Present
 National Association of Health Services Executives 2008-Present
 American Public Health Association, 2004-Present
 Kentucky Public Health Association, 2004-Present
 Kentucky Public Health Student Association, 2004-Present

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

“Get on Board”, United Way of the Bluegrass, Lexington, KY; Board Member Training 2006
 YMCA Young Black Achiever, Lexington, KY; Board Member 2007-Present
 Area Health Education Center; Committee on Diversity and Public Health Issues, 2005-2007
 Student Advisory Council; Committee on Doctor of Public Health Student Issues, 2004-2007
 Academic Affairs Committee; Committee on Doctor of Public Health Student Issues, 2006-2007

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

Promising Practitioner Award	2007
Kentucky Norton Healthcare Strategy Forum Scholarship Award	2006-2007
Lyman T. Johnson Scholarship Award	2004-2007
Commonwealth Incentive Award	2005-2007
Howard Hughes Biomedical Scholar Award	1994-1996

Who's Who in American College Students

1999

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panel Expert. **Harris Torrie T** (June 2009) *Health Disparities and Colorectal Cancer in KY*. Kentucky Entertainment Television. Lexington, KY.

Presenter. **Harris Torrie T** (March 2009) *We are One Health: Health Disparities to Health Equity*. Kentucky Public Health Association Conference. Louisville, KY.

Panel Presenter. **Harris Torrie T** (October 2008) *Public Health Systems and Services Research: Methods and Innovative Research*. American Public Health Association Conference. San Diego, CA.

Roundtable Discussion. **Harris, Torrie T** (May 2008) *An Exploratory Study of the Relationship of Public Health Department Types and Their Performance*. National Network of Public Health Institutes Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Poster Presentation. **Harris, Torrie T**, Ireson C, Scutchfield FD. (Feb 2006) *Diffusion of Evidence-Based Community Participatory Research to Build Effective Health Coalitions across the State of Kentucky*, Inaugural Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Public Health Systems Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Seminar Presentation. Gill T, **Harris, Torrie T** (Fall, 2000). *Promoting Child Safety Seat Use and Injury Prevention*. Georgia Public Health Association Conference, Savannah, GA.

Seminar Presentation. **Harris, Torrie T**, Dirden J, Jordan-Starck T. (May 1998) *Testing the Alpha Amylase of the Common Bean*. Xavier University of LA, New Orleans. LA.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

In Review. **Harris T**, Frizzell J, Scutchfield FD, Murray D. (2009) Cooperative Extension Service Community Health Needs and Capacity Inventory: A Tool for Planning and Evaluation in Public Health. *Journal of Extension*.

In Review. **Harris T**, Crosby R, Salazar L, DiClemente R, Charnigo R, Staples-Horne M. Detained Adolescents Reporting Use of Psychotherapeutic Medication are Less Likely to Test Positive for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. *Journal of Sexually Transmitted Disease*.

Scutchfield FD, **Harris T**, Tanner B. (Feb 2007). Academic Health Centers and Cooperative Extension Service: A model for a working partnership. *Journal of Extension*. 45(1).

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Completed Research

Torrie T. Harris, Dr. P.H. (PI) Richard Clayton, Ph.D. (Co-PI) Kentucky River Community Care Inc.	06/2008-12/2008 \$38,000
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Using Medications Safely: Prevention for Generation Rx Evaluation of a Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program
Role: Principal Investigator

Torrie T. Harris, Dr.P.H. (PI) Richard Clayton, Ph.D. (Co-PI) Kentucky River Community Care Inc.	04/2008-06/2008 \$7,500
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Owsley County Youth Tobacco Accessibility Project

Role: Principal Investigator

F. Douglas Scutchfield, M.D. (PI)

Health Education through Extension Leadership

Role: Researcher

08/2004-07/2008

\$200,000

F. Douglas Scutchfield, M.D. (PI)

Creating a resource center for public health systems and services research

Role: Researcher

07/2007-07/2010

\$2.8 million

Torrie T. Harris, Dr.P.H. (PI), Joy Hoskins, RN, BA (Co-PI)

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health

09/2008-09/2009

\$83,998

Minority Health/Infant Mortality Research Demonstration Grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Ongoing Research Support

Torrie T. Harris, Dr.P.H. (PI)

Kentucky Department of Public Health

08/2009-

\$200,000 (annually)