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DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAS:

- Dr. P. H. University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.
Dissertation: *Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Fear of HIV/AIDS, 1994.*
Research Advisor: Prof. Michael W. Ross
- M.P.H. University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.
Thesis: *Circannual Rhythms in Human Mortality, 1990.*
Research Advisor: Prof. Michael H. Smolensky
- M.D. University of Calabar College of Medicine, Calabar, Nigeria.
Major: Medicine and Surgery, 1985.
- Postgraduate
Diploma University of California School of Medicine, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.
Mini residency in Occupational/Environmental Medicine, 1992.
- Certificate Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Measurement, Design, and Analysis Methods for Health Outcomes Research, 2004
- Certificate Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Artificial Intelligence in Health Care, 2024

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS:

- 2011 - **Professor of Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy, University of Houston.**
- 2007 - **Founding Director. The Institute of Community Health, University of**

Houston.

- 2011 - **Adjunct Professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health.**
- 2010 - **Visiting Professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. College of Medicine. University of Calabar. Calabar. Nigeria**

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS:

- 2006 - 2011 Adjunct Associate Professor of Public Health (Behavioral Sciences). The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health.
- 2003 - 2011 Associate Professor, Division of Pharmacy Administration and Public Health, Department of Clinical Sciences and Administration. College of Pharmacy, University of Houston.
- 2001 - 2003 Director. The HIV Prevention Center. Texas Southern University. Houston. Texas.
- 1999 - 2006 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Health (Behavioral Sciences). The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health.
- 1996 - 2001 Research Scientist/Program Director. The HIV Prevention Research Core. Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) Program. Texas Southern University. Houston. Texas.
- 1989 - 1995 Laboratory Scientist. McGovern Allergy Clinic\Texas Allergy Research Foundation. Houston. Texas.

FELLOWSHIPS:

- 1995 - 2008 Fellow, The Royal Society of Health, United Kingdom.
- 1996 - 2008 Fellow, The Royal Institute of Public Health, United Kingdom.
- 2003 - 2020 Fellow, Baylor College of Medicine Center for AIDS Research, Houston.
- 2009 - Fellow, The Royal Society for Public Health, United Kingdom.
- 2011 - 2012 Senior Fellow, Council on Infectious Diseases. The University of Calabar/University of Port Harcourt Center of Excellence in Infectious Diseases, Nigeria.
- 2021 - Member, Texas Developmental Center for AIDS Research (TX D-CFAR). Baylor College of Medicine. Houston, Texas.

2024 - Member, Texas Public Health Association

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS:

Academic Distinctions

Member, 53 NIH Scientific Review Panels.

Member, 2 CDC Special Emphasis Panels.

- 1999 Member, External Scientific Review Group Evaluating Centers for Disease Control's grant proposals for HIV services. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2001 Member, External Scientific Review Group. Grant proposals for HIV services. Office of Population Affairs. United States Department of Health and Human Services. Washington, D.C.
- 2001 Member, External Scientific Review Group. Grant proposals for Ryan White Title 111 Early Intervention Services Program. Health Resources and Services Administration. United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2002 Member, Health Careers Opportunity Program Scientific Review Group. Bureau of Health Professions. Health Resources and Services Administration. United States Department of Health and Human Services. Silver Spring, Maryland. March 18-22, 2002.
- 2005 - 2010 Member, Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV (BSPH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health.
- 2006 Member, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group, HIV Transmission, ZA11 EB-A (J1). December 05, 2006.
- 2007 Member, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group, HIV Transmission, ZA11 MH-A (S1) 1. September 5, 2007.
- 2010 Member, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 AARR G(85). June 17th, 2010.
- 2010 Member, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 AARR F(02). July 9th, 2010.
- 2010 Member, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group. ZAI-EB-A-J1 [US-India Bilateral Collaborative Research Partnership for Prevention of HIV/AIDS]. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. December 1-2, 2010.

- 2011 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS (BSCH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. March 15 – 16, 2011.
- 2011 Member, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 AARR G (02). August 1, 2011.
- 2012 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS (BSPH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. March 19 – 20, 2012.
- 2012 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS (BSPH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. November 8 – 9, 2012.
- 2012 Member, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group. ZRG1 AARR – F (57) R [AIDS – Science Track Award for Research Transition]. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. November 9, 2012.
- 2013 Member, Special Emphasis Panel. Clinical Trial Units for NIAID Networks Review Panel – ZAI1-BP-A-S3. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. June 12, 2013.
- 2013 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS (BSPH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. July 11 – 12, 2013.
- 2014 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS (BSPH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. March 13 - 14, 2014.
- 2014 Member, Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 AARR-F (02) M. April 14, 2014.
- 2014 Co-chairman, Special Emphasis Panel (Mobile Health: Technology and Outcomes in Low- and Middle-Income Countries). Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 IMST-K (50) S Study Section. June 16 - 17th, 2014.
- 2015 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS (BSPH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. March 12 - 13, 2015.

- 2015 Member, Special Emphasis Panel. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers Special Interest Project Competitive Supplements (SIPs 15-007 and 15-009). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Atlanta, Georgia. May 18, 2015.
- 2015 Member, Special Emphasis Panel (Mobile Health: Technology and Outcomes in Low and Middle-Income Countries). Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 IMST-K (50) R Study Section. June 11 - 12, 2015.
- 2015 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS (BSCH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. July 9 – 10, 2015.
- 2015 Co-chairman, Special Emphasis Panel. NIH-PEPFAR Collaboration on Implementation Science for HIV: Towards an AIDS-free Generation. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. October 26 – 27, 2015.
- 2016 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS (BSCH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. March 9 – 10, 2016.
- 2016 Member, External Scientific Review Group Evaluating the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Center for Global Health Engagement’s grant proposals for military health services. Department of Defense. Bethesda, Maryland. September 23, 2016.
- 2017 Member, Special Emphasis Panel (Mobile Health: Technology and Outcomes in Low- and Middle-Income Countries). Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 HDM-Y (55) R Study Section. January 26 - 27, 2017.
- 2017 Member, Special Emphasis Panel (Clinical Research and Pediatric Research LRP). National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. National Institutes of Health. ZAI-EC-M-S1 Study Section. April 27, 2017.
- 2017 Ad-hoc member, Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS (BSCH) Study Section. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. November 8-9, 2017.
- 2017 Member, Special Emphasis Panel (Fogarty HIV Research Training Programs for Low- and Middle-Income Country Institutions.). Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 AARR-N (57) Study Section. December 12, 2017.

- 2018 Co-chairman, Special Emphasis Panel (Reducing Stigma to Improve HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care in Low and Middle-Income Countries.). Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health ZRG1 AARR-N (56) Study Section. March 19, 2018.
- 2018 Chairman, Special Emphasis Panel (Research on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis to Prevent HIV in Health Disparity Populations). National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. National Institutes of Health. ZMD1 RP (01) S Study Section. June 14th, 2018
- 2018 Member, Special Emphasis Panel (Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities). Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 HDM-Y (56) R. July 10, 2018.
- 2019 Member, Special Emphasis Panel (NIMHD Career Development Award Review). National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities. ZMD1 RP (01) 1. June 25 – 26, 2019.
- 2019 Member, HIV/AIDS Intra- and Interpersonal Determinants and Behavioral Interventions Study Section (HIBI). Center for Scientific Review. AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group. National Institutes of Health. July 11-12, 2019.
- 2020 Co-chairman, Special Emphasis Panel (Reducing Stigma to Improve HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care in Low- and Middle-Income Countries). Center for Scientific Review. National Institutes of Health. ZRG1 AARR-N (56) PAR-19-326. March 13th, 2020.
- 2020 Member, Special Emphasis Panel. Minority HIV Research Initiative (MARI) to Support Epidemiologic and Implementation Science Research in Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities Disproportionately Affected by HIV and Build Research Capacity Among Historically Underrepresented Minority Researchers. Centers for Disease Control. PS21-001 MARI RFA-PS-21-001. December 15 – 16, 2020
- 2021 Chairman. Special Emphasis Panel. Promoting Viral Suppression among Individuals from Health Disparity Populations Engaged in HIV Care. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. RFA-MD-21-002. March 26, 2021.
- 2021 Member. Special Emphasis Panel. Loan Repayment Program Review 4. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. ZMD1 DRI (L4). April 20 – 21, 2021.
- 2022 Member, Special Emphasis Panel. National Center for Complementary and

Integrative Health Loan Repayment Program. National Institutes of Health. ZAT1 PS (09). April 5th, 2022.

2023 Member. Special Emphasis Panel. Loan Repayment Program Review 1. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. ZMD1 KNL (L1). February 23, 2023.

2023 Member, Special Emphasis Panel: PS23-004/006. Long-Acting Injectables for the Treatment of HIV in Non-Clinic Community-Based Settings. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Atlanta, Georgia. April 26 - 27, 2023.

2023 Member. Special Emphasis Panel. Promoting Viral Suppression among Individuals from Health Disparity Populations Engaged in HIV Care. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. RFA-MD-23-008. June 29, 2023.

2024 Member. Special Emphasis Panel. Interventions to Address HIV-Related Comorbidities among Highly Affected Populations Experiencing Health Disparities. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. ZMD1 IN (M1) R. March 21, 2024.

2024 Member. Special Emphasis Panel. Loan Repayment Program Review 4. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. ZMD1 KNL (L4). April 2, 2024

Awards

1993 -1994 University of Texas - Houston Golf Scholarship for Minority Students.

1991 - 1994 United States Public Health Service Traineeship Award.

1997 Minority Travel Award. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

2004 – 2006 Health Disparities Scholar. National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities. National Institutes of Health.

2004 First Place Best Poster Award. The 2004 NIMH Annual International Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS.

2004 The University of Houston College of Pharmacy Faculty Research Excellence Award.

2011 First Place Best Poster Award, 16th Annual ISPOR International Meeting.

2011 Finalist Poster Award, 16th Annual ISPOR International Meeting.

2011 Second Place Best Poster Award, 12th Annual Health Services and Outcomes

Research Conference.

- 2011 Listed among the Top 50 graduates of the University of Calabar of contemporary times, National UNICAL Alumni Association/Malabite Africa Magazine.
- 2012 Finalist Poster Award, 17th Annual ISPOR International Meeting.
- 2015 Finalist Poster Award, 20th Annual ISPOR International Meeting.
- 2016 Two Finalist Poster Awards, 21st Annual ISPOR International Meeting.
- 2017 Finalist Poster Award, 22nd Annual ISPOR International Meeting.
- 2023 Best Podium Award. Annual General Meeting of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). Phoenix, Arizona. March 24 – 27, 2023.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Spring 2004	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility.
Spring 2005	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility.
Spring 2006	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility.
Spring 2007	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility.
Summer 2007	PHAR 5298	Introduction to Community Health – 100% responsibility
Spring 2008	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility.
Summer 2008	PHAR 5298	Introduction to Community Health – 100% responsibility.
Summer 2008	PHCA 6309	Prin and Practice Comm Health – 100% responsibility.
Spring 2009	PHCA 6309	Prin and Practice Comm Health – 100% responsibility
Spring 2009	PHPS 3201	Pharm Serv and Comm Health – 100% responsibility
Spring 2009	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility
Fall 2009	PHCA 8301	Pharm Admin & Management III – 100% responsibility
Spring 2010	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility
Spring 2010	PHCA 6309	Prin and Practice Comm Health – 100% responsibility
Spring 2010	PHPS 3201	Pharm Serv and Comm Health – 100% responsibility
Fall 2010	PHCA 8301	Pharm Admin & Management III – 100% responsibility
Fall 2010	PHCA 8301	Proposal Development – 100% responsibility
Spring 2011	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility
Fall 2011	PHCA 8301	Pharm Admin & Management III – 100% responsibility
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Summer 2014	PHCA 8301	Proposal Development – 100% responsibility
Spring 2015	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility

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Spring 2016	PHCA 6307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility
Spring 2017	PHCA 7307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility
Fall 2017	PHCA 8301	Pharm Admin & Management III – 100% responsibility
Spring 2018	PHCA 7307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility
Fall 2018	PHCA 8301	Behavioral Theories and Models in Health Outcomes
Spring 2019	PHCA 7307	Research Methods – 50% responsibility
Fall 2019	PHCA 8301	Behavioral Theories and Models in Health Outcomes – 100% responsibility
Fall 2019	PHAR 4270	Social, Behavioral, and Communications Aspects of Pharm – 8% responsibility
Fall 2019	PHAR 5325	Literature Evaluation, Research Design, and Epidemiology – 8% responsibility
Spring 2020	PHCA 7307	Epi Methods and Research Design – 50% responsibility
Fall 2020	PHCA 8301	Proposal Development – 100% responsibility
Fall 2020	PHAR 4270	Social, Behavioral, and Communications Aspects of Pharm – 8% responsibility
Fall 2020	PHAR 5325	Literature Evaluation, Research Design, and Epidemiology – 8% responsibility
Spring 2021	PHCA 7307	Epi Methods and Research Design – 50% responsibility
Spring 2022	PHCA 7307	Epi Methods and Research Design – 50% responsibility
Fall 2022	PHAR 4270	Social, Behavioral, and Communications Aspects of Pharm – 8% responsibility
Fall 2022	PHAR 5325	Literature Evaluation, Research Design, and Epidemiology – 8% responsibility
Fall 2022	PHAR 4260	Introduction to the Healthcare System – 50% responsibility.
Spring 2023	PHCA 7307	Epi Methods and Research Design – 50% responsibility
Fall 2023	PHAR 4260	Introduction to the Healthcare System – 50% responsibility.
Fall 2023	PHAR 4270	Social, Behavioral, and Communications Aspects of Pharm – 8% responsibility
Fall 2023	PHAR 5325	Literature Evaluation, Research Design, and Epidemiology – 8% responsibility
Spring 2024	PHCA 7307	Epi Methods and Research Design – 30% responsibility

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Academic Editor

2018 - Journal of AIDS and HIV Treatment

Guest Editor

2015 Journal of Clinical Trials

2022 International Journal of Translational Medical Research and Public Health

Editorial Boards

2006 - 2017 AIDS and Behavior

2008 - International Journal of Women's Health

2008 - Journal of HIV/AIDS – Research and Palliative Care

2009 - Journal of Contraception

2010 - 2021 Journal of AIDS and Clinical Research
2011 - 2013 Journal of Clinical Toxicology
2011 - Advances in Sexual Medicine
2011 - 2017 Journal of Clinical Trials
2011 - International Journal of MCH and AIDS
2012 - 2021 Journal of HIV/AIDS Research and Therapy
2013 - International Journal of Medicine
2018 - 2021 Current HIV Research
2018 - World Journal of Biomedical Research
2023 - Journal of Internal Medicine and Health Affairs

Reviewer of manuscripts:

1999 - AIDS Care.
2000 - Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved.
2003 - Journal of the National Medical Association.
2003 - AIDS and Public Policy Journal.
2005 - AIDS and Behavior.
2005 - BMC Public Health.
2005 - BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making
2006 - Military Medicine
2007 - Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes
2009 - Journal of Women's Health
2009 - The Western Journal of Black Studies
2011 - Social Science and Medicine
2011 - Croatian Medical Journal
2011 - Journal of Community Psychology
2011 - Sexuality and Culture
2012 - BMC Geriatrics
2012 - International Journal of STD & AIDS
2012 - Sexuality and Culture
2014 - Nicotine and Tobacco Research
2014 - Salud Publica de Mexico
2015 - British Journal of Education, Society and Behavioral Science
2015 - Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine
2016 - Current HIV Research
2019 - Journal of Global Antimicrobial Resistance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

1992 Volunteer/Practicum in Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Houston Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

1998 Chairman, Building Committee. Bible Believers Christian Church, Houston, Texas.

- 1999 - 2003 TSU HIV/AIDS Campus Liaison. National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.
- 2000 - 2006 Member, Community Research Risk Protection Committee. The Institutional Review Board of the Houston Clinical Research Network - Division of Montrose Clinic.
- 2000 - 2003 Member of the Advisory Board. The Black Alliance for AIDS Prevention. Houston, Texas.
- 2001 - 2003 Member. Board of Directors. Zion Covenant Ministries, Inc., Houston.
- 2001 - 2003 Member. Committee for the Protection of Human Research Subjects. Texas Southern University. Houston, Texas.
- 2001 - 2003 Member of the Research Council. Texas Southern University. Houston. Texas.
- 2003 Member. Data Safety and Monitoring Committee. Texas Southern University. Houston, Texas.
- 2003 - 2004 Member. The University of Texas POSIT project Community Advisory Board.
- 2006 - Member of the Advisory Board for the Women's Health Initiative Program (WHIP). Alliance for Multicultural Community Services. Houston.
- 2006 - 2012 Faculty advisor. Nigerian Students Association. University of Houston.
- 2010 - 2015 Vice President (Finance). Akwa Ibom Diaspora Network.
- 2011 - Consultant. The Houston Medical Monitoring Project. Houston Department of Health and Human Services. Houston. Texas.

ADVISORY PANELS:

- 1997 - Member, Scientific Committee on Education and Training in Occupational Health. International Commission on Occupational Health.
- 2001 Chairman. Public Information and Community Outreach Section. Health Disparities Planning Panel on NeuroAIDS in Minority Populations. National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. National Institutes of Health.
- 2002 - 2003 Technical Advisor. United States Agency for International Development/Minority Health Professions Foundation International Reproductive Health Consortium.
- 2003 Member, National Institutes of Health HIV Prevention Expert International Delegation to Nigeria.

- 2009 - 2013 Research Collaborator/Senior Mentor. Minority Institutions' Drug Abuse Research Development Program (MIDARP). Howard University School of Medicine. Washington DC.
- 2011- Member, External Advisory Board. Center for Health Disparities Research in Cardiovascular Diseases and HIV (NIH Application Number: 1 P30 HL 107272-01). Texas Southern University. Houston, Texas.
- 2020 - Co-advisor. African Pharmacy Students Association. University of Houston.
- 2023 - Advisor. Public Health Interest Group Africa.

COMMITTEES:

University

- Member, Internal Advisory Board. The University of Houston Drug Abuse Research Development Program. Office of Drug and Social Policy Research. Graduate School of Social Work. University of Houston, 2008 –
- Member, Institutional Review Board. University of Houston, 2008 -
- Member, Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee. 2014 – 2020
- Budget Transparency Model Initiative Performance Subcommittee, 2018.
- Member, The College of Pharmacy Dean 5-year Review Committee. University of Houston, 2019 - 2020.
- Member, Ad hoc Promotion and Tenure Review Committee. University of Houston College of Nursing. 2020, 2022.
- Member, Moores Professorship Selection Committee, 2021-2023.

College

- Graduate Studies Committee. The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2004 – 2010
- Member, The College of Pharmacy Dean 5-year Review Committee. University of Houston, 2007.
- Faculty Search Committee. Clinical Sciences and Administration Department, University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2004.
- Member, Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee. University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2008 – 2010, 2012 – 2016, 2018 -

- Member, Faculty Grievance Committee. The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2011 – 2018, 2021 -
- Member, Student Affairs Committee. The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2014 – 2017
- Member, Post–Tenure Review Committee. The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2012 – .
- Member, Research Committee. The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2007 – 2010; 2015 – 2022.
- Member, Information Technology Committee, 2017 – 2020
- Member, Endowed Professorship Evaluation Committee, 2017 – 2021
- Faculty Search Committee. University of Houston College of Pharmacy – Rio Grande Valley. 2017 – 2018
- Faculty Excellence Awards Selection Committee. 2019.
- Advisor. African Pharmacy Students Association, 2020 –
- Member. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Task Force, 2022.
- Chairman, Endowed Professorship Evaluation Committee, 2022.

Department

- Chairman, Community Health Scholarship Interest Group. The University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2008 - 2010
- Member, Faculty Search Committee. Clinical Sciences and Administration Department, University of Houston College of Pharmacy. 2008, 2009, 2012.
- Chairman, Graduate Curriculum and Research Committee. Division of Pharmacy Administration and Public Health. University of Houston College of Pharmacy, 2009 – 2014
- Member, Graduate Education Committee. 2014 – 2016
- Chairman, University of Houston Faculty Third Year Review, 2019.
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, PREMIER Center, University of Houston

College of Pharmacy. 2020.

- Member, Faculty Search Committee. Department of Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy. College of Pharmacy. University of Houston. 2022, 2023.

PROMOTION/TENURE REVIEW:

- Assistant to Associate Professor level review for the Department of Emergency Medicine. Baylor College of Medicine. Houston, Texas. March 2016.
- Associate to Full Professor level review for the Department of Health, Behavior, and Society. Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. January 2020.
- Tenure Review. The University of North Texas System College of Pharmacy. 2020.
- Associate to Full Professor level review for the Department of Emergency Medicine. McGovern Medical School. The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston. 2022
- Assistant to Associate Professor level review for the Scientific Council. Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University. Al-Kharj, Riyadh. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. 2022 (1).
- Assistant to Associate Professor level review for the Scientific Council. Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University. Al-Kharj, Riyadh. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. 2022 (2).
- Associate to Full Professor level review for the Department of Clinical Medicine. New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. Jonesboro Campus. 2023.
- Assistant to Associate Professor level review for the Scientific Council. Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University. Al-Kharj, Riyadh. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. 2024.

GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Yaozhong Zhang M.S 2004
Thesis title: Provision of pharmaceutical care in China's community pharmacies.
Role: Committee member

Aniket Kawatka M.S. 2004
Thesis title: Modified brief summary format to improve consumer comprehension regarding advertised prescription drugs.
Role: Committee member

Rituparna Basu M.S. 2004
Thesis title: Government versus private health care plans under Medicare: preferences of the elderly.
Role: Committee member

Ketaki S. Karpe M.S. 2004
Thesis title: Delphi study of experts' opinion on strategies used to reduce drug counterfeiting.
Role: Committee member

Caroline Ngo M.S. 2005
Thesis title: Evaluating over-the-counter drug use/misuse in HIV infected patients.
Role: Committee member

Brinda Rao M.S. 2005
Thesis title: Do statins reduce mortality and length of hospital stay in Pseudomonas aerogenosa bacteremic patients?
Role: Major advisor

Shailenda Gupta M.S. 2005
Thesis title: Effect of drug distribution on medication adherence in a low-income metropolitan HIV positive population.
Role: Committee member

Shubha Vaidya M.S. 2005
Thesis title: Assessing the efficiency of Pharmacists initiated inventory management program at an institutional pharmacy.
Role: Major Advisor

Paresh Amrutkar M.S. 2006
Thesis title: Efficacy, Safety, and Economic analysis of Continuous Intravenous Insulin Protocol in patients undergoing cardiac surgery
Role: Major Advisor

Afam K. Nwangwu M.S. 2007
Thesis title: The impact of Medicare Part D on the utilization and average percentage out of pocket expenditures of psychotropic medications for the elderly Medicare beneficiaries.
Role: Committee member

Elizabeth A. Ajuoga M.S. 2007
Thesis title: Evaluating Use of Herbal Medications in HIV-infected Patients and Associated Adverse Drug Events.
Role: Committee member

Davonda H. Williams M.S. 2009
Thesis title: Consumer Opinion Regarding the Effectiveness of the Houston Health Choice Website.
Role: Committee member

Peter O. Akinwunmi M.S. 2010
Thesis title: Generic drug discount programs from large chain pharmacies in the Houston area: A look at five major chronic diseases in America.
Role: Committee member

Mo Yang M.S. 2010
Thesis title: Correlates of Tobacco Use among Chinese Adults.
Role: Major advisor

Ravi K. Goyal M.S. 2010
Thesis title: Impact of FDA's New OTC Acetaminophen Label Warning Requirements on Consumer Risk Perception of Liver Damage.
Role: Committee member

Dilip U. Makhija M.S. 2010
Thesis title: Pharmacists' Attitude and Preparedness regarding the issue of escalating Pharmaceutical demand due to the aging Baby Boomers.
Role: Committee member

Darshan N. Sangani M.S. 2010
Thesis title: Effect of format and sequence of over-the-counter drug fact label information on consumer comprehension.
Role: Committee member

Yuping Yu M.S. 2011
Thesis title: Obesity and Prescribing of Smoking Cessation Medications.
Role: Committee member

I-Hsuan Wu M.S. 2011
Thesis title: Correlates of Tobacco Use among Taiwanese Adults.
Role: Major advisor

Prajakta Bhounsule M.S. 2011
Thesis title: Predictors of smoking and willingness to quit in India.
Role: Committee member

- Rodney Cox M.S. 2011
Thesis title: Impact of Computerized Physician Order Entry on Pharmacy Productivity.
Role: Committee member
- Ruchika Agrawal M.S. 2011
Thesis title: Impact of Pharmacists Based Intervention on Improving Outcomes of Diabetic Patients.
Role: Committee member
- Shah-Mohammadi Ali M.S. 2012
Thesis title: Analysis of perceived Barriers Encountered by Management within Pharmacy Workflow Due to intermittent Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave at a Government Teaching Hospital.
Role: Major advisor
- Nilanjana Dwibedi Ph.D. 2012
Dissertation title: Parents' Expectation to Receive Antibiotic Prescription for Children.
Role: Committee member
- Mark D. Hatfield M.S. 2012
Dissertation title: The Impact of Computer Prescriber Order Entry on Medication Processing and Workflow Efficiency by Pharmacists: A Time and Motion Study
Role: Committee member
- Gift Kelechi Nweke M.S. 2013
Thesis title: Evaluation of Pharmacists' Perspectives towards Peer Review.
Role: Major advisor
- Collin Beatty M.S. 2013
Thesis title: The Effect of Risk Information Communicated in Plain Language Combined with Natural Frequencies on Individual Risk Perception of Medication Side Effects.
Role: Committee member
- Mo Yang Ph.D. 2013
Dissertation title: Comparative Effectiveness of Smoking Cessation Medications among Obese Smokers.
Role: Committee member
- Xin Wang M.S. 2013
Thesis title: Predictors of Successful Outcome among Adult Smokers

- using Smoking Cessation Medication.
Role: Committee member
- Harshali K. Patel Ph.D. 2014
Dissertation title: Development and Testing of Prescription Information Leaflets to Improve Comprehension: An Information Processing Approach.
Role: Committee member
- Liqa Athameh M.S. 2014
Thesis title: Predictors of Intention to Quit Waterpipe Smoking among Arab Americans: Application of The Theory of Planned Behavior.
Role: Committee member
- I-Hsuan Wu Ph.D. 2014
Dissertation title: Comparative Effectiveness of Smoking Cessation Medications among Schizophrenic Smokers.
Role: Committee member
- Ruta Sawant M.S. 2014
Thesis title: Communicating Risk of Medication Side Effects: Role of Communication style on Risk Perception and Intention to Adhere.
Role: Committee member
- Shivani Mhatre Ph.D. 2015
Dissertation title: Prediction and Evaluation of Medication Non-adherence among Medicare Advantage Beneficiaries with Diabetes.
Role: Committee member
- Roya Tran M.S. 2016
Thesis title: Pharmacy Student Motivational Interviewing Intervention in Hospitalized Patients – A pilot Study.
Role: Committee member
- Yasser Almogbel Ph.D. 2016
Dissertation title: Parenting Stress and Child's Quality of Life on Parents' Expectation/Satisfaction and Medication Adherence with Asthmatic Child's Therapy.
Role: Committee member
- Mark Hatfield Ph.D. 2016
Assessing the Impact of Multiple Levels of Influence on the Use of Hydrocodone Combination Products and Buprenorphine as Opioid Addiction/Dependence Treatment.

- Role: Committee member
- Aylin Yucel Ph.D. 2016
The Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Pathway to Pediatric Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) Care and Its Impact on the Receipt of MDD Treatment.
- Role: Major advisor
- Archita H Bhansali Ph.D. 2017
Breast cancer Chemoprevention among Women: Effect of Involvement and Message Format.
- Role: Committee member
- Ya-Huei Li Ph.D. 2017
A Study of the Association between Social Ecological Contexts and HIV-Related sexual Behaviors among African-American Adolescents.
- Role: Major advisor
- Xin Wang Ph.D. 2017
Medication Adherence to Anti-hypertensive Combination Therapy.
- Role: Committee member
- Ruta Sawant Ph.D. 2018
Preventive Behaviors for Cognitive Health Maintenance: Understanding the Role of Message Framing and Involvement
- Role: Committee member
- Nnenna Ananaba (UTSPH) DrPH 2019
Factors Affecting Antiretroviral Treatment Entrance, Adherence and Retention among HIV Patients in Nigeria and Uganda.
- Role: Committee member
- Qingqing Xu Ph.D. 2020
Using Machine Learning to Predict Microvascular Complications in Patients with Type 1 Diabetes.
- Role: Committee member
- Shweta Bapat Ph.D. 2020
Predicting Provider Intention to Prescribe Buprenorphine Using the Theory of Planned Behavior: A Mixed Methods Design.

Role:	Committee member
Ee Vien Low	Ph.D. 2021 Physical and Mental Health among Mexican American Children and Adolescents Living on the Texas-Mexico Border
Role:	Committee member
Lewing Benjamin	Ph.D. 2021 Understanding Inadequate Care During Management of Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus: Examining Patient and Health System Factors.
Role:	Committee member
Sorochi Iloanusi	Ph.D. 2022 Mental Illness and Substance Use among People Living with HIV in Texas: Epidemiology and Impact on Health Outcomes.
Role:	Major Advisor
Anjana Mohan	Ph.D. 2022 Estimating The Impact of Adherence to Direct Oral Anticoagulants on Health Outcomes Among Patients with Atrial Fibrillation.
Role:	Committee member
Russell Wilson	Ph.D. 2023 cGMP Training Programs: Understanding the Effects of Cognitive Load.
Role:	Committee member

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS AND RESEARCH FACULTY:

- Dr. Lourdes Fernandez 1996 – 2002
- Dr. Gbadebo Ogungbade 2002 – 2007
- Dr. Cheemeh Ehsanzadeh 2004 – 2008
- Dr. Laurens Holmes 2005 – 2007
- Dr. Emmanuel Monjok 2005 - 2011

MEMBERSHIPS:

- International Commission on Occupational Health.
- American Public Health Association.
- Nigerian Medical Association.
- Nigerian AIDS Research Network.
- The Royal Society for Public Health

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:

Grants

****Grants marked with an asterisk denote a National Institutes of Health RO1 award.***

- 1995 **World AIDS Foundation:** HIV/AIDS Prevention Training Program for Health Care Providers in Calabar, Nigeria. (E. Ezedinachi, Co-PI) \$68,000/1 Year.
- 1996 **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases:** HIV/AIDS Risks and Education Component. Research Centers in Minority Institutions award: Texas Southern University. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$291,480/3 Years.
- 1997 **Harris County Community Development Agency:** HIV Prevention Among Hispanic Women Project. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$50,000/1 Year.
- 1999 **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases:** HIV/AIDS Risks and Education Component. Research Centers in Minority Institutions award Texas Southern University. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$799,948/5 Years.
- 2001 **International Resource Group:** HIV/AIDS Awareness and Risk Reduction Project for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$24,269/ 1 year.
- 2002 ***National Institute of Mental Health:** Videotape-based HIV Prevention Intervention. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$1,546,657/ 4 years.
- 2003 **World AIDS Foundation:** HIV Prevention Training for the Nigerian Army. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$90,000/ 1 year.
- 2005 ***National Institute of Mental Health:** The Nigerian Uniformed Services AIDS Project. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$893,477/4 years.
- 2015 **Pharma Foundation Medication Adherence Grant:** Development and evaluation of MAPI – a pharmacist intervention system to improve adherence among diabetic patients enrolled in Medicare advantage plans. (E. James Essien, Co-Investigator). \$50,000/1 year.
- 2018 **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute:** A motivational interviewing intervention customized by patient adherence patterns. (E. James Essien, Co-Investigator). \$459,000/3 years.
- 2020 **University of Houston Cougar Initiative to Engage:** Cougar Health Research Academy. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$22,800/ summer 2021.

- 2022 **University of Houston Cougar Initiative to Engage:** Cougar Health Research Academy. (E. James Essien, Principal Investigator). \$22,800/ summer 2022.
- 2023 **Foundation for Opioids Response Efforts:** Overcoming Pharmacy-Level Barriers to MOUD Dispensing. (E. James Essien, Co-Investigator). \$572,278/2 years.

Contracts

- 1997 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** Minority Health Professions Foundation - Violence Prevention Consortium. Dr. Paul Juarez, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles, Principal Investigator. (E. James Essien, Texas Southern University Principal Investigator). Subcontract costs: \$6,750/1 Year.
- 2010 **World Bank/University of Calabar, Nigeria:** The University of Calabar Center of Excellence in Infectious Diseases Program (E. James Essien, UH Principal Investigator). Subcontract costs: \$324,968/18 months.
- 2016 **Regeneron Pharmaceuticals:** Improving adherence to statins with targeted motivational interviewing interventions based on group trajectory models among patients enrolled in a Medicare advantage plan. (E. James Essien, Co-Investigator). Contract costs: \$184,586/ 21 months.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- 1997 Preventing HIV/AIDS among African Americans: Keys to Building Applied Preventive Research Capacities. Sponsored by the Steering Committee of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Linkages Project. Houston, May 2, 1997.
- 2001 Concordance between Sexual Behavior and Sexual Identity in Four Racial/Ethnic Groups. 109th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. San Francisco. August 2001.
- 2002 Race/Ethnicity, Drug Use and HIV Risk Behavior in Street samples of Adults in the Southern United States. The NIH-RCMI Spring Symposium on Health Disparities. Jackson. Mississippi. April 24-26, 2002.
- 2004 Utility of Videotape-based Interventions in HIV Prevention Programs. The Nigerian – United States Joint Workshop on Behavioral Prevention and Mental Health Research on HIV/AIDS. Sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health. Abuja. Nigeria. May 29 – June 1, 2004.
- 2004 Prevention Intervention for Service Personnel in the Nigerian Armed Forces. AIDS Research Forum. Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). Baylor

College of Medicine. Houston, Texas. April 12, 2004.

- 2006 NIMH study on the effectiveness of a situationally based HIV risk-reduction intervention for the Nigerian Uniformed Services. Assessment of Resources and Opportunities for NeuroAIDS Research in Nigeria/West and Central Africa. Sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health. National Institutes of Health. Abuja Sheraton Hotel. Abuja. Nigeria. June 19 – 20, 2006.
- 2007 Health Disparities in HIV/AIDS Morbidity in the United States. Keynote Presentation. EB2007/FASEB MARC Genomic Symposium. Sponsored by the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology (FASEB). Washington DC. April 30th, 2007.
- 2008 The University, The City, and The Community. Expert panel on the role of the University of Houston as a three-fold partner in understanding and improving health in Houston, Texas. The Rockwell Pavilion. The University of Houston M.D. Anderson Library. September 11, 2008.
- 2011 The Bedside and Beyond: Medical Practice in the 21st Century. Sponsio Lecture delivered at the 2011 Oath-taking Ceremony. The University of Uyo College of Medicine. Uyo. Nigeria. December 8, 2011.

TELEVISION AND NEWSPRINT CONTRIBUTION(S):

- 2001 HIV Prevention among African Americans in Houston, Texas. Guest Speaker. *Daystar Television Network* (KLTV - TV 22), Houston, Texas. May 28, 2001.

PRESS COVERAGE OF RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS:

- 2002 Myths Make Risk of HIV/AIDS Transmission High Among Blacks and Latinos. Press release. *National Medical Association*. May 2nd, 2002.
- 2006 Racial Minorities Often Attribute HIV Epidemic To A Genocidal Conspiracy. Press release. *Reuters Health*. In Professional Medical News 2006-03-20.

CONTINUING EDUCATION/WORKSHOPS:

- National Institute of Mental Health. Technical Assistance Workshop for Investigators from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Bethesda, Maryland. June 14-17, 1999.
- National Institutes of Health Training and Career Development Workshop on HIV Prevention Research for and by Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Atlanta, Georgia. August 27-29, 1999.

- National Institutes of Health. National Cancer Institute Contract Workshop. Houston, Texas. September 22-24, 1999.
- The Minority Health Professions Foundation. 5th Annual Strategic Planning: Fiscal Program and Management Workshop. Atlanta, Georgia. October 31- November 3, 1999.
- National Institute of Mental Health. Technical Assistance Workshop for Investigators from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies. Columbia University. New York. February 6 - 10, 2000.
- Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research. Summer 2000 African American Aging Workshop. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan. June 6 - 10, 2000.
- National Institutes of Health. Treatment and Adherence Research in Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities: Opportunities for Minority Investigators. Arlington. Virginia. October 27-28, 2000.
- United States Department of Health and Human Services. Health Resources and Services Administration. Technical Assistance Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Silver Springs. Maryland. April 4-7, 2001.
- Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM and R) Institutional Review Board 101. The Omni Houston Hotel. Houston, Texas. February 3, 2009.
- Motivational Interviewing: Exploring and Resolving Ambivalence to Promote Behavioral Change. University of Houston. October 23 & 31, 2014.
- Advanced Motivational Interviewing Training. July 11 – 12, 2016. Facilitator: Dr. Jan Kavookjian, Auburn University. New York.
- Coding and Analyzing of Qualitative Data. The 14th Annual Qualitative Research Summer Institute. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. July 24 – 25, 2017
- The 5th IQVIA Institute for Human Data Science to Advance Health Research Forum. October 12-16, 2020. Virtual Event
- Qualitative Methods in Global Infectious Diseases Research. McGill Summer Institute in Infectious Diseases and Global Health. McGill University. Montreal. Canada. May 31 – June 4, 2021.

- Forging Novel Research Pathways to Advance Health Services Research. IQVIA Research Forum. IQVIA Institute Webinar. October 20, 2021.
- Harvard University Center for AIDS Research Substance Use and HIV Scientific Working Group. Updates at the Intersection of Substance Use and HIV Treatment and Prevention Research. HU CFAR Webinar. September 29, 2022.
- Innovation-Bioinformatics and Capacity-Cyberinfrastructure. National Science Foundation Webinar. October 18, 2022.
- Mentoring the Mentors Workshop for HIV Researchers. Center for AIDS Research. Harvard University School of Public Health. Boston. Massachusetts. October 24 – 25, 2022.
- QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program. QPR Institute. Counseling and Psychological Services Program. University of Houston. February 24, 2024.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS:

ABSTRACTS/CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

1. **Essien EJ** (1995): Cross-cultural perspectives on fear of HIV disease and AIDS in health care workers. Dissertation Abstracts International, 56 (04B): 1946.
2. **Essien EJ**, Waddy GL: Myths, misconceptions, and sources of HIV information among Hispanics in Houston, Texas. Abstract. The Fifth RCM International AIDS Symposium. San Juan. Puerto Rico. November 10-12, 1996.
3. **Essien EJ**, Waddy GL: Myths, misconceptions and sources of HIV information among African-American populations in Houston, Texas. Abstract. The Fifth RCM International AIDS Symposium. San Juan. Puerto Rico. November 10-12, 1996.
4. **Essien EJ**, Meshack AF, Ross MW: Perception of reliability of HIV/AIDS information in employed and unemployed minorities in Houston, Texas. Abstract. The 12th World AIDS Conference. Geneva. Switzerland. June 28-July 4, 1998 (Abstract # 33466).
5. **Essien EJ**, Meshack AF (1998): HIV/AIDS misperceptions and barriers to risk reduction among African Americans and Hispanics in Houston, Texas. Abstract. The Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine and American College of Preventive Medicine. San Francisco. April 2-5, 1998 (Abstract #1223).
6. **Essien EJ**: Perceived credibility of sources of HIV information among unemployed and employed minorities in Houston, Texas. Abstract. The 6th RCM International AIDS Symposium. San Juan. Puerto Rico. November 15-18, 1998.
7. **Essien EJ**: Misperceptions about HIV Transmission in employed and unemployed

- minorities in Houston, Texas. Abstract. The 6th RCMI International AIDS Symposium. San Juan. Puerto Rico. November 15-18, 1998.
8. **Essien EJ**, Linares AC: An Intervention to Change Condom Use Self Efficacy Skills among Low Income Mexican American Women. Abstract. The 13th World AIDS Conference. Durban. South Africa. July 9-15, 2000.
 9. **Essien EJ**, Linares AC: The Impact of a Culturally Sensitive HIV Prevention Intervention for Mexican American Women in Houston, Texas. Abstract. The 7th RCMI International Symposium on Health Disparities. San Juan. Puerto Rico. November 12-16, 2000.
 10. Beasley BR, James BL, **Essien EJ**: Perspectives on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Tanzania. Abstract. Presented at the Texas 8th Minority Health Conference. Dallas. Texas. December 13-15, 2000.
 11. **Essien EJ**, Linares AC: A Culture and Gender Specific HIV Prevention Intervention for Mexican American Women. Abstract The 5th International Conference on the Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection. Brighton. United Kingdom. July 8-11, 2001.
 12. Ross MW, **Essien EJ**, Williams ML, Fernandez-Esquer ME: Characteristics of Sex Workers and their perception of the reliability of HIV/AIDS Information Sources. Abstract The 14th World AIDS Conference. Barcelona. Spain. July 7-12, 2002.
 13. Ross MW, **Essien EJ**, Concordance between Sexual Behavior and Sexual Identity in four/ethnic groups in the southern United States. Abstract, The 109th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. San Francisco. August 2001.
 14. **Essien EJ**, Ross MW, Williams ML, Fernandez-Esquer ME: Race/Ethnicity, Drug Use and HIV Risk Behavior in Street Samples of Adults in the Southern United States. Abstract, NIH-RCMI Spring Symposium. Jackson, Mississippi. April 24-27, 2002.
 15. **Essien EJ**, Ross MW: Differences between sexual practice and identity in four racial/ethnic groups in the southern United States. Abstract, The NIMH conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS. Miami, Florida. July 24-26, 2002.
 16. **Essien EJ**, Linares AC: The Impact of a Theory Based HIV Prevention Intervention for African American College Students. Abstract, The 8th NIH-RCMI International Symposium on Health Disparities. Honolulu, Hawaii. December 6-12, 2002.
 17. **Essien EJ**, Linares AC: Effectiveness of an HIV Prevention Intervention for African American College Students. Abstract, The 2003 Keystone Symposia- Twenty Years of HIV Research. Banff, Calgary, Canada. March 29-April 4, 2003.
 18. **Essien EJ**, Ross MW: The association between Primary Source of Income and HIV Risk Behaviors in Street-Recruited Samples. Abstract, The 6th International Conference on the

- Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection. Milan. Italy, July 7-8, 2003.
19. **Essien EJ**, Ross MW, Ekong E, Ogungbade O: HIV Prevention intervention for military personnel in Nigeria. Abstract, The World AIDS Foundation Symposium. Paris, France. July 10-11, 2003.
 20. **Essien EJ**, Ekong E, Ross MW, Linares AC, Ogungbade O: HIV transmission risk behaviors in the Nigerian Army. Abstract, The 15th World AIDS Conference. Bangkok. Thailand. July 9-16, 2004.
 21. **Essien EJ**, Ekong E, Ross MW, Linares AC, Ogungbade O: Effectiveness of an HIV Risk-reduction intervention for the Nigerian Uniformed Services. Abstract, The NIMH Annual International Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS. Atlanta. Georgia. July 23-25, 2004. First Place Best Poster Award
 22. Asukwo U, Ekong E, Ekanem E, Smith S, **Essien EJ**: Socio-economic factors as a function of HIV/AIDS transmission among adolescents in two Nigerian boarding schools. Abstract, The NIMH International Scientific Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS. Atlanta. Georgia. July 23-25, 2004.
 23. **Essien EJ**, Ross MW, Ekong EE, Ogungbade GO: The impact of a situationally-focused individual HIV/AIDS risk reduction intervention on risk behavior in a one year cohort of Nigerian military personnel. Abstract, The 7th International Conference on the Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection. Cape Town. South Africa. April 2-8, 2005.
 24. Kamiru HN, Ross MW, **Essien EJ**, Ogungbade GO, Ekong E: Reliability and Validity of a Condom Use Beliefs Scale: The Nigerian Uniformed Services AIDS Intervention Trial. Abstract, The 15th International conference on AIDS/STI in Africa. Abuja. Nigeria. December 4-11th, 2005.
 25. Ogungbade GO, **Essien EJ**, Monjok E, Holmes LJ: Income and Education as Covariates Influencing HIV/AIDS Risk Perception and Knowledge among Multi-ethnic Populations in the United States: A large cohort evidence. Abstract, The XVI International AIDS Conference. Toronto, Canada. August 13-18, 2006. (Abstract #TUPE 0528).
 26. Holmes L, **Essien EJ**, Ogungbade GO: Education level as a predictor of self-reported drug use and HIV sexual risk behavior among multiethnic/racial groups in the United States: population-based findings. Abstract, The XVI International AIDS Conference. Toronto, Canada. August 13-18, 2006. (Abstract # CDD0063).
 27. Amrutkar P, Dao Thanh, Frost C, Gentry L, Chen H, **Essien EJ**, Garey K: Economic Benefit of Appropriate Antibiotic Timing in Patients Undergoing Cardiovascular Surgery. Abstract, The 46th International Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. San Francisco. California. September 27 – 30, 2006.
 28. **Essien EJ**, Ehsanzadeh PC, Monjok E, Ogungbade GO, Balogun J, Holmes L: Attitude

- towards condom use and HIV/AIDS knowledge as potential determinants of condom use self-efficacy among Hispanic youths. Abstract, The 2006 International Meeting of the Institute of Human Virology. Baltimore. Maryland. November 17 – 20, 2006.
29. **Essien EJ**, Ogungbade GO, Ward D, Holmes L (2007): Efficacy of Community-based Integrated Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Intervention Trial among Inner City African American Women in Houston, Texas, USA. Abstract, The 8th International Conference on the Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection. Marseilles, France. July 1-4, 2007.
 30. **Essien EJ**, Ogungbade GO, Ward D, Meshack A, Holmes L (2007): Influence of Socioeconomic Proxies on HIV Risk Perception and Knowledge of HIV Risk Factors: Findings From large Sample, Low Income, Multi-Ethnic Populations in the United States. Abstract, The 4th Annual National Conference on HIV/STD Prevention in Rural Area. Bloomington, Indiana. April 5-7, 2007.
 31. Holmes L, Monjok E, Ogungbade G, **Essien EJ** (2007): Ethnic and Racial Variance in Rationale for HIV Testing in a Large Population Sample: Findings from the United States National Health Interview Survey. Abstract, The 4th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment, and Prevention. Sydney, Australia. July 22-25, 2007.
 32. Holmes L, Ogungbade O, Ward D, **Essien EJ**: Potential markers of female condom use among inner city African American Women in Houston, Texas, USA. Abstract, The 8th International Conference on the Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection. Marseilles, France. July 1-4, 2007.
 33. Holmes L, Ogungbade O, Ward D, **Essien EJ**: Marijuana use prior to sexual intercourse and condom use interaction as predictors of HIV risk perception among inner city African American women. Abstract, The 8th International Conference on the Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection. Marseilles, France. July 1-4, 2007.
 34. Clark P, Ehsanzadeh P, Chang E, Coraza I, Cuevas E, Mendez C, **Essien EJ**, Sekhar R, Balasubramanyam A: Heart Positive 2: Increased resting energy expenditure in HIV patients on HAART is related to fat redistribution and insulin resistance. Abstract, The 4th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment, and Prevention. Sydney, Australia. July 22-25, 2007.
 35. Hasan M, Ross M, Grimes R, Hwang L, **Essien E** (2008): Sexual risk behavior of injection drug users: Are they different from non-injection drug users? Abstract, The 17th International AIDS Conference. Mexico City. August 3-8, 2008.
 36. Hasan M, Ross M, Grimes R, Hwang L, **Essien E** (2008): Sexual risk behavior of injection drug users: Knowing people with AIDS and its implications on sexual risk behavior. Abstract, The 17th International AIDS Conference. Mexico City. August 3-8, 2008.

37. **Essien EJ**, Monjok E, Ekong E, Chen H, Mgbere O (2009): Evaluation of video-based Cognitive-behavioral Skill-Building HIV Risk Reduction Intervention among Female Uniformed Service Personnel. Abstract, The 5th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention. Cape Town, South Africa. July 19-22, 2009.
38. **Essien EJ**, Monjok E, Ekong E, Chen H, Mgbere O (2009): Predictors of Frequency of Condom use and Condom Attitude among Female Uniformed Service Personnel. Abstract, The 11th World International Union Against Sexually Transmitted Infection Congress. Cape Town, South Africa. November 9-12, 2009.
39. **Essien EJ**, Mgbere O, Ekong E, Abughosh S, Monjok E: Correlates of HIV knowledge and Sexual behaviors among Female Military Personnel. Abstract, The 16th International Symposium on HIV and Emerging Infectious Diseases. Marseille, France. March 24-26, 2010.
40. Yang M, Abughosh S, Wu Hsuan, Sangsiry S, Hawari F, Peters RJ, **Essien EJ**: Waterpipe Smoking among Jordanian Adults: Predictors and Correlates. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 16th Annual International Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. May 21-25, 2011.
41. Makhija D, Sangsiry S, Johnson ML, **Essien EJ**: Pharmacists Attitude and Preparedness Regarding the Issue of Escalating Pharmaceutical Demand Due to the Aging Baby Boomers. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 16th Annual International Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. May 21-25, 2011.
42. Wu IH, Abughosh S, Hawari FI, Peters RJ, **Essien EJ**, Yang M: Cigarette Smoking Among Jordanian Adults: Predictors and Correlates. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 16th Annual International Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. May 21-25, 2011.
43. Goyal RK, Rajan SS, **Essien EJ**, Sangsiry SS: Effectiveness of FDA's New Over-the-Counter Acetaminophen Label Warning Requirements in Improving Consumer Risk Perception of Liver Damage. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 16th Annual International Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. May 21-25, 2011. First Place Best Poster Award
44. Yang M, Abughosh S, Sansgiry S, Peters R, I-Hsuan Wu, **Essien EJ**: Predictors of Cigarette Smoking among Chinese Adults. Abstract, The 6th Asian Conference of International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology and Risk Management (ISPE). Beijing, China. October 28-30, 2011.
45. Yang M, Abughosh S, Sansgiry S, Peters R, I-Hsuan Wu, **Essien EJ**: Predictors of Intention to Quit Cigarette Smoking among Chinese Adults. Abstract, The 6th Asian Conference of International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology and Risk Management (ISPE). Beijing, China. October 28-30, 2011.

46. Bhounsule P, Abughosh S, **Essien EJ**, Sansgiry S: Socio-demographic characteristics of adult cigarette smokers in India. Abstract, The 12th Annual Health Services and Outcomes Research Conference. Kelsey Research Foundation. Houston Medical Center Marriott Hotel. November 16, 2011.
47. Wu I-Hsuan, Hawari F, Peters RJ, Yang Mo, Crutchley R, Avive A, **Essien EJ**, Abughosh S: Predictors of intention to quit cigarette smoking among Jordanian adults. Abstract, The 12th Annual Health Services and Outcomes Research Conference. Kelsey Research Foundation. Houston Medical Center Marriott Hotel. November 16, 2011. Second Place Best Poster Award
48. Abughosh S, Wu I-Hsuan, Crutchley R, Ahive A, Peters RJ, **Essien EJ**: Waterpipe smoking among United States students: The effect of Middle Eastern ethnicity. Abstract, The 12th Annual Health Services and Outcomes Research Conference. Kelsey Research Foundation. Houston Medical Center Marriott Hotel. November 16, 2011. First Place Best Poster Award
49. Yang M, Rajan SS, **Essien EJ**, Abughosh S: Smoking Cessation Medication Utilization Pattern Among Adult Smokers with Different Body Weight Levels – A NAMCS Study. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 17th Annual International Meeting. Washington DC. June 2-6, 2012.
50. Wu IH, Peters RJ, **Essien EJ**, Abughosh S: Waterpipe Smoking Among United States Students: Predictors of an intention to quit. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 17th Annual International Meeting. Washington DC. June 2-6, 2012. Finalist Poster Award
51. Abughosh S, Yu Y, Yang M, Rajan SS, **Essien EJ**: Smoking Cessation Medication Use Among Adult Smokers With Various Body Weight Levels – NHANES STUDY. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 17th Annual International Meeting. Washington DC. June 2-6, 2012.
52. Abughosh S, Wu IH, Peters RJ, **Essien EJ**, Crutchley R: Predictors of Persistent Waterpipe Smoking Among University Students in the United States. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 17th Annual International Meeting. Washington DC. June 2-6, 2012.
53. Bhounsule P, Abughosh S, **Essien EJ**, Sansgiry SS: Predictors of Willingness to Quit Among A Cohort of Adult Smokers in India. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 17th Annual International Meeting. Washington DC. June 2-6, 2012.
54. Yang Mo, Bhowmik D, **Essien EJ**, Abughosh S: Predictors of Smoking Cessation Medication Use among Obese and Non-obese Smokers. Abstract, The 7th Asian Conference of Pharmacoepidemiology. Bangalore, India. October 28, 2012.

55. Mgbere O, Khuwaja S, Bell T, Rodriguez-Barradas M, Arafat R, **Essien EJ**, Roland E, Hammons B, Momin F: Managing the Personal Side of Health Care among HIV/AIDS Patients in Houston/Harris County, Texas: A Pilot Study of the Providers' Perspectives. Abstract, The Texas Public Health Association Conference. San Antonio, Texas. March 20 – 22, 2013.
56. Yang M, Chen H, Johnson ML, **Essien EJ**, Peters R, Abughosh S: Comparative Effectiveness of Smoking Cessation Medications Among Obese Smokers. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 18th Annual International Meeting. New Orleans. May 18 – 22, 2013.
57. Abughosh S, Yang M, Chen H, Johnson ML, **Essien EJ**, Peters R: Comparison of Risk of Time to Developing Diabetes of Smoking Cessation Medications Among Obese Smokers. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 18th Annual International Meeting. New Orleans. May 18 – 22, 2013.
58. Hatfield MD, Cox R, **Essien EJ**, Flowers WP, Sansgiry SS: Effects of Implementation of Computerized Provider Order Entry on the Workflow of the Inpatient Hospital Order Entry Pharmacist. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 18th Annual International Meeting. New Orleans. May 18 – 22, 2013.
59. Beathy CR, **Essien EJ**, Sherer J, Sansgiry SS: The Effect of Communicating Different Types of Risk Information on Individual Risk Perception of Medication Side Effects. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 18th Annual International Meeting. New Orleans. May 18 – 22, 2013.
60. Abughosh S, Hawari F, **Essien EJ**, Peters RJ, Wu I: Beliefs in effectiveness of various smoking cessation interventions among Jordanian adult smokers. Abstract, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research 18th Annual International Meeting. New Orleans. May 18 – 22, 2013.
61. Nweke G, Varkey D, Pitman P, Abughosh S, **Essien EJ**, Adams J: Evaluation of Pharmacists' Perspectives Towards Peer Review. Abstract, Alcade 2013 Southwest Leadership Conference. Austin, Texas. April 24 – 25, 2013.
62. Athamneh L, El-Mughrabi M, Athamneh M, **Essien EJ**, Abughosh S: Antibiotic Use for Children in Jordan. Abstract, The 14th Annual Health Services and Outcomes Research Conference. Houston, Texas. December 10, 2013.
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