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EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Master of Public Health, Double-Concentrations in Disaster Management & Health Promotion August 2024
Graduate Certificate in Social Determinants of Health, College of Public Health - Health Equity Hub
Overall GPA: 3.74 / 4.00

University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion May 2022
Minor in Disaster Management, Institute for Disaster Management
Minor in Health Policy and Management, Department of Health Policy and Management
Program-Specific GPA: 3.716/ 4.00

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

American Public Health Association – Student Assembly (APHA-SA) Athens, GA
APHA Student Assembly Campus Liaison for the University of Georgia August 2023 – July 2024

- Represented the APHA-SA and served as the liaison between the national organization and my university
- Disseminated public health information to and communicated with university students, staff, faculty, and administrators
- Engaged in public health activities regularly on campus and in the community
- Networked with other campus liaisons to connect public health ideals and motivated growth within the field

University of Georgia (UGA) - Institute of Disaster Management Athens, GA
Graduate Teaching Assistant for Dr. Michelle Ritchie August 2022 – December 2022

- Assisted with course instruction in three undergraduate disaster management courses totaling over 50 students
- Constructed ~15 lessons of course material for the disaster management course and its future iterations
- Engaged in weekly meetings with supervisors to discuss excellence in teaching and class management
- Maintained virtual presence with students through email, course management, and remote video calls
- Fostered peer-to-peer and faculty-to-peer student relationships on campus
- Chaperoned and guided ~4 on-and-off campus field trips to on-off-campus locations
- Developed curriculum for three undergraduate courses
 - “DMAN 1100E – An Introduction to Disaster Management” [Virtual]
 - “FYOS 1101 – A Field Guide to Resiliency”
 - “DMAN 3100 – Disasters and Society”

UGA Medical Reserve Corps Athens, GA
Student Organization Co-President March 2021 – March 2023

- Served as the primary speaker and representative at university chapter events
- Lead recruitment through presentations and engagement fairs; assisted with the onboarding process (~10 per semester)
- Managed and supported 9 officers on the leadership team
- Engaged in community preparedness education/medical training for disaster response (Ex: conference presentations)

Executive Board Member

March 2020 – Present

- Coordinate engagement activities for Athens-Clarke County and UGA events
- Engage in monthly Executive Board meetings as a committee chair
- Serves as Strategic Planning Co-Chair for the 2025 fiscal year

Students for Disability Advocacy

Athens, GA

Executive Director

January 2021 – July 2024

- Managed Vice Presidents and monitored tasks through weekly progress check-ins
- Developed policy priorities for the organization and carried out active projects in alignment with our mission
- Collaborated with a team of six executives and assisted the President in leading the organization
- Served in an advisor position to grow the organization's capacity and development

Coastal Alliance of CILS – Active in Disaster

Coastal Region of Southeast USA

Executive Administrator

January 2022 – July 2022

- Coordinated coalition's scheduling needs while maintaining the functioning of the group's administrative needs
- Managed all affiliation communication between organizations within various counties and states
- Developed and piloted a community survey to understand gaps in needs for service providers on the southeastern coast
- Restructured the coalition's leadership board and empowered team-based modeling

Digital Marketing Committee Chair

November 2021 – July 2022

- Attended weekly meetings to collaborate and gain regional updates with partners and alliance affiliates
- Developed the Coastal Alliance Website for marketing and advocacy usage

RESEARCH

UGA - College of Public Health – Department of Health Promotion and Behavior

Athens, GA

Graduate Research Assistant

April 2023 – August 2024

Dr. Heather Padilla; College of Public Health – Traffic Safety Research and Evaluation Group (TSREG)

- Assisted in developing presentations and manuscripts for dissemination; presented at the state and national level
- Prepared for and participated in outreach events
- Managed and maintained three social media accounts related to our research team and working group
- Collaborated on rural road evaluation including planning and coordinating the team's travel, qualitative and quantitative data collection, analysis, and application
- Developed and distributed educational materials and project outputs in various formats to stakeholders and community members in the county and across the state of Georgia
- Participated in five traffic safety task teams coordinated by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety
- Met weekly in staff meetings and collaborated with other researchers and the director

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Mini-Grant Recipient

December 2022 – July 2023

Dr. Lisa Renzi-Hammond, Dr. Jenay Beer, Dr. Anita M. Reina, Dr. Grace Bagwell Adams; CARE Center

- Engaged with rural cities of Georgia to improve health equity statuses of the aging population
- Incorporated rural faith-based leaders in community-based research to adapt brain health research and resources
- Collaborated with an interdisciplinary team of researchers and community members weekly
- Facilitated two focus groups to acquire qualitative data for analysis and evaluation of programming

Health Equity Fellow

December 2021 – May 2022

Dr. Grace Bagwell Adams, Dr. Christina Proctor; College of Public Health

- Engaged with local municipalities of Georgia to improve health equity statuses in various realms
- Researched health equity issues to engage with local communities
- Collaborated with an interdisciplinary team of researchers and government officials weekly
- Presented results and review of research findings at a college-wide symposium with government representatives

UGA – College of Public Health - Institute for Disaster Management

Athens, GA

Research Assistant for Place-Based Hazard Risk Perception and Disaster Risk Reduction Study

(Northern Iceland)

Dr. Michelle Ritchie; College of Public Health - Institute for Disaster Management

May 2022 – June 2022

- Conducted 54 interviews with locals in Iceland in a variety of locations with varying modalities and tools
- Compiled field notes for all three weeks of travel including both qualitative and quantitative data collection
- Engaged local Icelanders in conversations regarding climate change adaptation and resiliency

Research Director for Photovoice Project

January 2022 – July 2024

Dr. Michelle Ritchie; College of Public Health - Institute for Disaster Management

- Lead all tasks pertaining to research; managed research assistants on the team; coordinated weekly progress meetings
- Published a journal article recounting the research project, post-completion
- Assisted with video production for an EPA project in collaboration with the initial photovoice project

Lab Member

September 2021 – May 2024

Ritchie Research Lab; College of Public Health - Institute for Disaster Management

- Engaged in weekly meetings that focused on discussing research theory and practice; supported lab members in projects
- Collaborated with lab members to enhance our professional development and excellence in research

Open Hand Atlanta

Virtual

Research Assistant – Volunteer

March 2021 – May 2022

Laura Samnadda, Director of Nutrition Services

- Collected quantitative and qualitative data for 4 projects regarding nutrition education for disability and older adult populations in rural communities across Georgia
- Conducted phone interviews and provided education for over 200 clients in Georgia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Friends of Refugees – Embrace Refugee Birth Support

Clarkston, GA

Graduate Intern;

May 2024 – August 2024

Virginia Voyles Tester, Embrace Program Director

- Reviewed and updated 8 Healthy Moms curriculum modules for distribution on various platforms
- Created 3 additional modules on emergency preparedness and health education
- Coordinated 7 weekly mom circles and their activities through planning and teaching various health education topics
- Outlined an economic evaluation brief to determine the fiscal impact of Embrace's service on the healthcare system
- Formulated an 'access to care' guide for clients to navigate transportation routes across the area for their appointments
- Conducted a brief report to discover programs that serve refugee, immigrant, and migrant mothers' reproductive health services across the nation with similar models to Embrace
- Designed an evaluation of the Healthy Moms curriculum utilizing a logic model and creating guides for implementation

UGA - Institute of Disaster Management

Athens, GA

Intern;

January 2022 – July 2022

Ms. Jeannette David, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

- Assisted with course material and instruction for a Graduate-Level Disaster Mental Health Course bi-weekly
- Served on the executive team for 5 Coalitions (Maintained leadership roles in 3 of them)
- Completed weekly trainings and stakeholder meetings to improve knowledge of GA Disaster Mental Health status
- Attended advocacy calls for vulnerable populations amidst the current disaster state (locally, nationally, and globally)
- Developed material and disseminated training among southeastern emergency networks
 - David, J., & Sengson, S. (*Presentation and Workshop created in Partnership with the UGA's Institute for Disaster Management and the Georgia Emergency Preparedness Coalitions for Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults*) “**Get Ready Toolkit - Train the Trainer**” (2022)

UGA – College of Public Health

Athens, GA

Student Ambassador

April 2019 – May 2022

- Advanced the College of Public Health's strategic goals through engagement activities and recruitment fairs
- Raised awareness for the goals of upcoming public health professionals
- Volunteered for events and collaborated with our community where the College of Public Health was represented

Association of University Centers on Disability – Prepared4ALL

Virtual

Disability Inclusion Coach Trainee

January 2021 – May 2022

- Piloted training for Prepared4ALL project prepared by the Association of University Centers on Disability (March 2021)
- Assisted with education on disability inclusion issues pertaining to COVID, vaccinations, and emergency management
- Participated in monthly trainings and community partner building

UGA – Office of Emergency Preparedness

Athens, GA

Student Ambassador

July 2020 – May 2022

- Promoted campus preparedness and safety through student-to-student coordination and outreach
- Obtained necessary training and certifications to stay up to date on emergency preparedness protocols
- Acted as a liaison between the Office of Emergency Preparedness and UGA students, staff, and faculty

Northeast Georgia Medical Center – Volunteer Services

Braselton, GA

College Intern

May 2019 – August 2019

- Completed a collection of over 300 hours while working alongside volunteer services to run a Teen Volunteer Program
- Provided on-the-job training to over 150 volunteers focusing on non-medical hospital duties and customer service skills
- Assisted with clerical duties and helped plan an awards banquet event for over 300 people
- Maintained office organization and carried out managerial duties when supervisors were absent

PUBLICATIONS/FEDERAL REPORTS

Ritchie, M., Sengson, S., Abdallah, N., & Robinson, M. (2024) Photovoice for Disability Inclusion on Campus. *Disability and Society*, 1-31. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09687599.2024.2363270>

Ritchie, M., Heaton, S., Scheid, A., Mott, H., Bernhards, G.M., Sengson, S., Foral K., Calabria, J. (Submitted for publishing in the *Journal of Future Studies*). “From Utopia to Dystopia: A Qualitative Analysis of Interview about the Future Amid Climate Change.” (Expected 2024)

PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

A Grassroots Approach to Building a Social Media Presence to Engage Key Stakeholders; <i>Virtual, Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety Young Adult Task Team [Oral]</i>	May 2024
Let the Technology Do the Talking - Innovation in Communication Strategies: A Grassroots Approach to Building a Social Media Presence to Engage Key Stakeholders; <i>Denver, CO, Lifesavers National Conference [Oral]</i>	April 2024
A Grassroots Approach to Building a Social Media Presence to Engage Key Stakeholders; <i>UGA, College of Public Health Research Day [Poster]</i>	February 2024
The Disaster Management Cycle and Triage Systems; <i>UGA, College of Public Health, DMAN 3100 (Disasters and Society) – Dr. Michelle Ritchie [Guest Lecture]</i>	November 2023
Engaging Rural Faith-Based Leaders in Shaping Caregiver Education; <i>Georgia Gerontological Society Conference [Poster]</i>	July 2023
Photovoice and Design for Disability Inclusion; <i>UGA, College of Environment and Design, LAND 4060 (Landscape Architecture Design Studio VI) – Dr. Douglas Pardue [Guest Lecture Series]</i>	February 2023
Photovoice as Creative Scholarship for Advocacy; <i>State of the Public Health Conference [Poster]</i>	October 2022
Mental Health and Disability Inclusion Competency Training; <i>UGA, Medical Reserve Corps [Oral]</i>	October 2022
Integrating Trauma-Informed Practices into Your Leadership Style; <i>UGA, Student Leadership Conference [Oral]</i>	September 2022
Whole Community Inclusive Emergency Planning; <i>UGA, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Prepared Dawgs Ambassadors [Oral]</i>	September 2022
Extreme Heat Mitigation Planning in Decatur, GA - Health Equity Fellowship Symposium; <i>UGA, College of Public Health [Oral]</i>	April 2022
Mental Health and Disability Inclusion Competency Training; <i>UGA, CURO Symposium [Poster]</i>	April 2022
Trauma Informed Care and The Policy Narrative; <i>UGA, College of Public Health, DMAN 3200 (Disaster Policy) – Dr. Michelle Ritchie [Guest Lecture]</i>	April 2022
Mental Health and Disability Inclusion Competency Training; <i>UGA, Student Leadership Conference [Oral]</i>	October 2021
Prepared4ALL – Inclusive Emergency Planning; <i>UGA, Medical Reserve Corps [Oral]</i>	August 2021

WORKSHOPS AND SESSIONS

Using Photovoice Methods to Inform Land Management and Environmental Design; <i>UGA, College of Environment and Design, EDES 9020 (Environmental Design Analysis and Issues) - Dr. Jon Calabria;</i> Fort Benning – Columbus, Georgia & Phenix City, Alabama Riverwalk [Subject Matter Expert]	February 2023
Current Research in the Field of Disaster Management; <i>Institute for Disaster Management [Session]</i>	September 2022
Photovoice Exhibition– The Lived Experience of Disability Inclusion; <i>Georgia Museum of Art</i>	September 2022

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

American Public Health Association (APHA) Abstract Review Committee	April 2023 – August 2023
Emergency Management Association of Georgia Conference Volunteer	April 2023/2024

Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults	January 2022 – Present
Prepared4ALL – Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD);	January 2021 – June 2022
National Technical Assistance and Training	
Coastal Alliance of Centers for Independent Living Services (CILS) – Active in Disaster	November 2021 – July 2022
COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Southeast Super Hub	January 2022 – May 2024

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Volunteer; Not Church: Feeding the Unhoused Communities in Athens, Georgia	October 2023 - Present
Volunteer; Athens Vineyard Youth & Service Ministries	November 2022 – May 2024
Volunteer; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	March 2022 - Present
Volunteer; UGA Students for Disability Advocacy	September 2021 – July 2024
Hippotherapy and Therapeutic Riding Volunteer; Butterfly Dreams Farm	August 2020 – May 2022
Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer; Georgia Department of Public Health and UGA	March 2019 – Present
Volunteer; Piedmont Athens Regional	March 2020 – January 2023
Volunteer; Northeast Georgia Health Systems	March 2015 – May 2022
Volunteer; American Red Cross	August 2014 – May 2022
Volunteer Cabin Leader and General Staff Member; Camp Hope Georgia	July 2021
Volunteer; Athens Pets – Animal Shelter	June 2018 – December 2018
Volunteer; Guilford Immediate Care	August 2016 – May 2018
Volunteer, President; Relay for Life Hall County– American Cancer Society	August 2015 – May 2018
Volunteer, Intern; Choices Pregnancy Clinic	August 2014 – May 2018
Volunteer; Salvation Army	August 2014 – May 2018
Volunteer; Elachee Nature Center	August 2013 – May 2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Omega Honorary Society; UGA, College of Public Health	April 2024
Ramsey Award; UGA, HPRB Department	May 2023
Pillar of the Community Award; UGA, Engagement Leadership and Service	April 2022
David Hayes Undergraduate Award; UGA, HPRB Department	February 2022
Outstanding Senior Leader Award; UGA, Engagement Leadership and Service	February 2022
Presidential Volunteer Service Award; UGA and Johnson High School	December 2017 & 2020
Dean’s List; UGA	August 2018
3x Gold Barbara James Medical Service Award – International; Health Occupation Students of America	2015-2018

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Health Equity Fellowship; UGA, College of Public Health, Health Equity Hub	December 2021- May 2022
Elizabeth Tuckerman Scholarship; Wells Fargo Scholarship America	August 2018 – May 2022
Zell Miller and Hope Scholarship; UGA	June 2018 – May 2022
Blood Drive Scholarship; American Red Cross	May 2018
King McLamore Foundation Scholarship, Burger King Foundation	May 2018

INTERNSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

MPH Applied Practice and Integrative Learning Experience – Internship; **Friends of Refugees – Embrace Refugee Birth Support**, Supervisor: Virginia Voyles Tester May 2024 – August 2024

Graduate Research Assistantship; **UGA, College of Public Health (CPH), Traffic Safety Research and Evaluation Group (TSREG)**, Supervisor: *Dr. Heather Padilla* April 2023 – August 2024

Graduate Teaching Assistantship; **UGA, College of Public Health (CPH), Institute for Disaster Management (IDM)**, Supervisor: *Dr. Michelle Ritchie* August 2022- January 2023

Health Promotion and Behavior Internship – Focus on Disaster Management; **UGA, CPH, IDM**, Supervisor: *Jeannette David* January 2022 – July 2022

College Intern; **Northeast Georgia Hospital Systems – Gainesville, Braselton, and Barrow Locations**, Supervisor: *Lajuan Lester* May 2019 – August 2019

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

----- *Medical*

CPR and AED, American Heart Association (2023)
Basic First Aid, American Heart Association (2023)
Stop the Bleed, American College of Surgeons (2023)
Leadership and Stress Skills Training, Center for Health, Work & Environment (2023)
Mental Health in the Workplace Training, Center for Health, Work & Environment (2023)
Psychological First Aid, The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (2022)
Youth Mental Health First Aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (2018)
SALT Mass Casualty Triage Training, National Disaster Life Support Foundation (2020)
Healthcare Improvement Certification, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (2019)
Model for Improvement Certification, Institute for Healthcare Improvement (2019)
Heads Up Concussion Training for Youth, CDC Heads Up (2021)
QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program, QPR Institute (2022)

----- *Research/Software*

Social and Behavioral Research, CITI Program (2022)
Social and Behavioral Research - Internet, CITI Program (2022)
Social and Behavioral Research - International, CITI Program (2022)
Microsoft Office Suite Proficiency
Mac OS Programs Proficiency
Elementary Spanish
Security Awareness Fundamentals, UGA Cyber Security (2022,2023)
WordPress Certified (2021)
SKYWARN Spotter Training, National Weather Service (2021)
Adobe Certified Associate (2013)

Public Health

Labor Support and Cultural Humility Training, Embrace Refugee Birth Support (2024)
Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®), National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (2022)
Independent Study (IS) Courses, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (2017-2023)
IS-100.c: Introduction to the Incident Command System (2020)
IS-120.c: Introduction to Exercises (2023)
IS-200.c: Basic Incident Command (2022)
IS-201: Forms used for the Development of the Incident Action Plan (2023)
IS-230.d: Fundamentals of Emergency Management (2021)
IS-230.e: Fundamentals of Emergency Management (2023)
IS-235.c: Fundamentals of Emergency Management (2023)
IS-368: Including People with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs in Disaster Operations (2022)
IS-700.c: An Introduction to the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) (2020)
IS-800.d: National Response Framework (2020)
IS-909: Community Preparedness Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone (2017)
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), Texas State University (2022)
Whole Community Inclusive Emergency Planning–Prepared4ALL, Association of University Centers for Disability (2021)
Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT), UGA Office of Emergency Preparedness (2022)
Building Resilience, LinkedIn (2021)
Public Health Confidential – Federal Edition, University at Albany School of Public Health (2021)
Emergency Preparedness Interactive Training, UGA Office of Emergency Preparedness (2020)

AFFILIATIONS

Lab Member , HAPPY Lab – Department of Health Promotion and Behavior	April 2023 – Present
Research Partner , Cognitive Aging Research and Education Center	December 2022 – July 2023
Member , American Public Health Association	August 2022 - Present
Member , UGA and Athens Clarke County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)	March 2022 – Present
Member , Disaster Dogs – Institute for Disaster Management	January 2022 – July 2024
Affiliate , Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies	January 2022 – Present
Lab Member , Institute of Disaster Management Ritchie Research Lab	September 2021 – May 2024
Member , UGA – Students for Disability Advocacy	September 2021- July 2024
Member , UGA – The American Red Cross	August 2021 – May 2022
Board Member , North Georgia Community Foundation - Xander Corso Memorial Scholarship	August 2019 – July 2020
Member , UGA – Medical Reserve Corps	March 2019 – Present

News and Media

Extending Outreach to Rural Communities via Faith Leaders, *UGA Today – Georgia Impact: Health and Wellness*, November 15, 2023, <https://news.uga.edu/extending-outreach-to-rural-communities-via-faith-leaders/>

UGA Campus Geography and Policy Challenges Students with Mobility Issues, *UGA Red and Black*, September 27, 2023, https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/uga-campus-geography-and-policy-challenge-students-with-mobility-issues/article_49d07232-5d3f-11ee-b153-9bdf00f684d3.html

Navigating Campus Safely: Watch for Dawgs hosts Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Day, *UGA Red and Black*, September 8, 2023, https://www.redandblack.com/uganews/navigating-campus-safely-watch-for-dawgs-hosts-bicycle-and-pedestrian-safety-day/article_483e5308-4e53-11ee-993b-6bd35e3b6dd3.html

From Athens to Iceland, *UGA College of Public Health 2022 Annual Magazine*, pgs. 22-26, December 2022, https://issuu.com/publichealthuga/docs/uga_cph_2022_magazine_final

Lifting Voices: Photo Exhibit Explores Disability Inclusion at UGA, *UGA Red and Black*, September 23, 2022, https://www.redandblack.com/culture/lifting-voices-photo-exhibit-explores-disability-inclusion-at-uga/article_db13fd0a-3b8e-11ed-b795-f729abc77ce4.html

Experiential Learning through Immersive Research in Iceland, *UGA College of Public Health*, August 9, 2022, <https://publichealth.uga.edu/experiential-learning-in-iceland/>

College recognizes achievements of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members, *UGA College of Public Health*, May 12, 2022, <https://publichealth.uga.edu/college-honors-and-awards-2021-2022/>

Outstanding Senior Leaders, *UGA Engagement, Leadership, and Service*, May 2022, <https://els.uga.edu/pandoraosl/>

Climate Change – How the warming of our planet affects our health, *UGA College of Public Health News*, April 8, 2022, <https://publichealth.uga.edu/nphw-2022-climate-change-and-health/>

UGA Public Health selects five 2021-2022 Health Equity Fellows, *UGA College of Public Health*, December 3, 2021, <https://publichealth.uga.edu/2022-health-equity-fellows-announced/>

The Medical Center Auxiliary Honors Teen Volunteers at Awards Ceremony, *Northeast Georgia Health System*, July 26, 2019, <https://www.nghs.com/the-medical-center-auxiliaryhonors-teen-volunteers-at-awards-ceremony>

Teen Volunteers Honored, *Suwanee Magazine*, August 31, 2018, <https://suwaneemagazine.com/teen-volunteers-honored/>