

Curriculum Vita

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1. Academic History

- a. Present Rank Clinical Associate Professor
- b. Allocation of Effort 25% teaching, 65% administration, 10% service
- c. Tenure Status Non-tenure (clinical) track
- d. Administrative Title Director, Online Learning & Professional Practice
- e. Graduate Faculty Status Graduate Faculty
- f. Degrees PhD in Health Behavior, University of Florida, 2006
MPH in Community Health, University of Florida, 2003
BA in Neuroscience & Spanish, Wellesley College, 2002
- g. Academic Positions
 - 2023-Present **Clinical Associate Professor**, Department of Health Promotion & Behavior, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
 - 2020-2023 **Clinical Associate Professor, Graduate Program Director**, Department of Health Promotion & Disease Prevention, Florida International University, Miami, FL
 - 2009-2020 **Clinical Assistant Professor**, Department of Health Promotion & Disease Prevention, Florida International University, Miami, FL
 - 2006-2009 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Movement Sciences & Health, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL
- h. Other Professional Employment (Includes Administrative Positions)
 - 2023-Present **Director of Online Programming & Professional Practice, Director of Graduate Studies**-Online MPH, College of Public Health, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
 - 2021-2023 **Co-Director**, Community Engagement Core, Research Center in a Minority Institution/RCMI, Florida International University, Miami, FL
 - 2019-2023 **Director**, Maternal & Child Health Catalyst-Public Health Training Program, Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, Miami, FL
 - 2015-2018 **Coordinator**, Maternal & Child Health Catalyst-Public Health Training Program, Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, Miami, FL
 - 2017-2019 **Contract Health Educator**, Florida Blue, Miami, FL
 - 2015-2016 **Assistant Dean of Student and Alumni Affairs**, Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, Miami, FL
 - 2011-2012 [Held position twice during times of leadership transition]
 - 2009-2011 **MPH Practicum Director**, Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, Miami, FL
 - 2006-2009 **Undergraduate Internship Director**, Department of Movement Sciences & Health, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL

2. Instruction (UGA teaching commenced in Spring 2024)

All teaching activities at UGA and FIU are included below in section a. Instructional activities at UWF and UF have been omitted due to space constraints.

a. Teaching History

University of Georgia (2024-Present)

Course #	Course Name (# of Credits)	Semesters ^{Modality}
HPRB 7470E	Program Evaluation in Health Promotion (3)	SP25 ^O , SU25 ^O , SU26 ^O
HPRB 7920	Health Behavior (3)	FA24 ^F , FA25 ^F
HPRB 7990E	Diversity and Social Justice in Pub Health (3)	SP24 ^O , SP26 ^O

Florida International University (2009-2023)

Course #	Course Name (# of Credits)	Semesters ^{Modality}
IDH 3034	Honors Seminar V: Pandemics, Immigrant Health and Health Disparity-Part 1 (3)	FA18 ^H , FA19 ^H
IDH 3035	Honors Seminar VI: Pandemics, Immigrant Health and Health Disparity- Part 2 (3)	SP19 ^H , SP20 ^H
PHC 3101	Introduction to Public Health (3)	SP15 ^F , FA15 ^F , FA16 ^F SP17 ^H , FA17 ^H
PHC 5113	Communities and Public Health (3)	SU14 ^O
PHC 5409	Public Health Behavior Change (3)	SU13 ^F
PHC 6113	Health Promotion Planning & Research (3)	SU19 ^O
PHC 6410	Health Behavior & Public Health (3)	FA12 ^F , SP13 ^F , FA13 ^F , SP14 ^F , FA14 ^F , SP15 ^F , FA15 ^O
PHC 6504	Introduction to Public Health Education (3)	SP10 ^F , SP13 ^F , SP14 ^F , SP15 ^F , FA10 ^O , SU18 ^O , FA22 ^L
PHC 6530	Principles of Maternal and Child Health (3)	FA19 ^H , FA20 ^H , FA21 ^H , FA22 ^H
PHC 6537	Case Studies in Maternal and Child Health (3)	SP20 ^H , SP21 ^H , SP22 ^L , SP23 ^L
PHC 6580	Contemporary Issues in Public Health (3)	FA13 ^F
PHC 6600	Health Promotion Communication (3)	FA09 ^F , SP11 ^F , FA13 ^F , SU15 ^F ; SP10 ^O , FA12 ^O , FA17 ^H , FA18 ^H
PHC 6602	Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion (3)	SP13 ^F , SU13 ^F , SP14 ^F , SP17 ^H , SP18 ^H , FA18 ^H , SP19 ^H
PHC 6706	Research Methods in Public Health (3)	FA09 ^F , SP18 ^O , SP19 ^H , FA19 ^H
PHC 6750	Development & Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs (3)	SP15 ^F
PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience in Public Health Seminar (6)	FA09 ^{F+O} , SP10 ^{F+O} , SU10 ^{F+O} , FA10 ^{F+O} , SP11 ^{F+O} , SU11 ^{F+O}
PHC 6930	Integrative Seminar in Public Health (3)	SU11 ^{F+O}

Superscripts denote instructional modality: F=Face-to-face, H= Hybrid, O=Online, L=Live online
Semester of instruction: FA= Fall, SP=Spring, SU=Summer

b. Development of New Courses (Since 2019)

HPRB 7470E: Program Evaluation in Health Promotion—Introduces strategies for evaluating public health programs. Topics include defining evaluation objectives, choosing appropriate methodology, and communicating with diverse public health audiences. (Redesigned using the Sprint process for online delivery in Spring 2025.)

HPRB 7990E: Diversity and Social Justice in Public Health— Using an interdisciplinary framework, this course critically explores the interplay among social determinants of health, cultural contexts, ethical considerations, and approaches to reducing health disparities. (Redesigned in collaboration with Dr. Lucy Ingram and delivered as a team-taught course beginning Spring 2026.)

PHC 6530: Principles of Maternal and Child Health—Explores the health needs of infants, children, youth, women and families. Reviews current issues central to MCH including health services, policies, programs, data sources, and scientific knowledge to improve maternal and child health in the US and internationally. (Enhanced and redesigned for hybrid delivery in Fall 2019, based on iterative feedback.)

PHC 6537: Case Studies in Maternal and Child Health—Focuses on intended and unintended impacts of programs and policies on the health of women and children from a life course perspective, identifying research gaps and needs. (Cases were updated on an annual basis, and the course was enhanced for hybrid delivery in Spring 2020, transitioned to live-online delivery starting in Spring 2022)

c. Instructional Grants

1. **Howard MM** (PI) & Huang H (Co-I). Mothers and Children: Fresh Ideas and Resources for Scholar Training "MC-FIRST." MCH Public Health Catalyst Program. Amount: \$450,000. Funded Jun 1, 2020-May 31, 2025. T1CMC35355-01-00 (HRSA, Division of Maternal and Child Health). [Completed]. Role: PI (2020-2023)
2. **Howard MM** (PI/2019-2020) Beck-Sagué C (PI/2015-2019). Mothers and Children: Fresh Ideas and Resources for Scholar Training. MCH Public Health Catalyst Program. Amount: \$300,000. Funded Jun 2015-May 2020. T76MC28438-01-00 (HRSA, Division of Maternal and Child Health). [Completed] Roles: PI (2019-2020) and Co-I (2015-2019)
3. Wells RL (PD), **Howard MM** (Co-I) and Ingram LA (Co-I). UGA Maternal & Child Health Leadership Education in Eliminating Disparities "MCH-LEEDs." MCH Public Health Catalyst Program. Amount: \$675,000.00. Funded Jun 1, 2025-May 31, 2030. T1CMC54770-01-00 (HRSA, Division of Maternal and Child Health). Roles: Co-I and Lead Evaluator

d. Teaching Recognitions and Achievements

Personal Achievements

- Recipient, Thank-a-Teacher Recognition, UGA (2024)
- Recipient, Professional Development Leave, FIU (2023-did not utilize)
- Recipient, Thank-a-Prof Recognition, FIU (2019, 2020, 2022)
- Inductee, Presidential Leadership Program, FIU (2022)

Student Achievements

- CDC Science Ambassador Fellowship (1 in 2024)
- Multiple recipients of ASPHN Health Equity Fellowship (2 in 2020; 3 in 2021)
- Multiple recipients of MCH Title V Summer Internship Program (2 in 2017; 2 in 2018; 1 in 2019; 1 in 2020; 1 in 2021; 3 in 2022)

e. Academic Advising (Since 2019)

- At UGA (2023-Present) serve as the **Director of Online Programs** and **Director of Graduate Studies**, ensuring the overall structure and quality of the online MPH program.

Since program launch in Spring 2024, provided program guidance, academic mentoring, and professional development to all Online MPH students (21 students in 2024; 55 in 2025; 84 in 2026).

- At FIU (2009-2023) served as **Faculty Advisor** (2009-2015) and **Graduate Program Director** (2016-2023) for two MPH concentrations housed in the Department of Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (Health Promotion and Maternal and Child Health) and additionally advised all students enrolled in the MSW/MPH-Health Promotion dual degree program. This required oversight of ~65 MPH students per year through the academic lifecycle including but not limited to recruitment, pre-admission, admission, orientation, advising, retention, practicum/workforce readiness, grad preparation, and alumni engagement/follow-up.
- f. Professional Development & Teaching Certifications (Since 2020)
- Actively maintain **Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES)** certification, #12413. The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (CHES 2005-2011; MCHES 2011-Present)

Training/Workshop/Conference Title (Sponsor)	Hrs	Sem
SoTL Commons Conference-Savannah (Georgia Southern University)	12.0	SP26
eLC Workshop (Instructional Designer, Dee McKinney-UGA CPH)	2.0	SP26
APHA 2025 Annual Meeting-Washington, DC (APHA)	16.0	FA25
How to Appeal to a New Generation of Adult Learners (The Chronicle)	1.0	SP25
Engaging with UGA School of Medicine and Precision One Health (UGA SoM)	1.5	SP25
The Active Learning Summit (UGA Active Learning)	12.0	SP25
IRB Process, Requirements and Resources (UGA HRP Program)	1.0	SP25
Creating AI Policies to Enhance Learning and Engage Students (UGA CTL)	1.0	SP25
Generative AI in Teaching –GAIT (UGA CTL)	12.0	FA24
New eLC Features: Fall 2024 Edition (UGA CTL)	1.0	FA24
APHA 2024 Annual Meeting-Minneapolis (APHA)	16.0	FA24
State of the Public's Health Conference (UGA CPH)	8.0	FA24
Design Sprint for Online Instruction (UGA Office of Online Learning)	5.0	SU24
ASPPH 2024 Annual Meeting-Washington, DC (ASPPH)	16.0	SP24
Teaching after Tragedy: Caring for Yourself & Your Students (UGA CTL)	1.0	SP24
APHA 2023 Annual Meeting-Atlanta (APHA)	16.0	FA23
State of the Public's Health Conference (UGA CPH)	8.0	FA23
Health Coach Training Program, Core Modules 1 & 2 (Wellchoaches)	48.0	FA23
Antiracism and Birth Equity Training (Black Mothers Care Plan of S. Florida)	4.0	SP23
Florida Family Leader Network 5th Annual Summit (FFLN and USF)	16.0	FA22
The Inclusive Leadership Workshop (FIU Center for Leadership)	8.0	FA22
Mayor's Children's Summit (Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava)	7.0	FA22
Technology for Pedagogy (FIU CAT)	6.0	SP22
Impacts of COVID-19 on Global Child Health (FIU MCH Training Program)	1.0	SP22
Fostering Leadership to Promote Breastfeeding in Miami (BreastfeedMIAMI)	2.0	SP22
AWED Bystander Leadership Training Program (FIU Office of the Provost)	8.0	FA21
Online LIVE Instructor Certification (FIU Online Learning)	20.0	FA21
Provost's Evaluation of Teaching Project (FIU Office of the Provost)	10.0	FA20
Center for Teaching Book Group: Cheating Lessons (FIU CAT)	4.0	SU20
Community Engagement: Building Partnerships (FIU RCMI)	16.0	SU20

3. Selected Scholarly Activity/Creative Work

* Denotes student/mentee at time of publication. Note: Previously published under Morris MC.

a. Publications

Book Chapter

1. Fernandez S, Clarke R, **Howard MM**, Morris SL, Hospital MM, and Wagner EF (2018). *Focus Groups in Health Disparities Research: Lessons Learned from an HIV Prevention Program with Hispanic Young Adults*. In Lowell 2016 (ed.), *Advances in Health and Disease*, Vol 4, 131-152. New York: Nova Biomedical.

Journal Articles

1. Contreras Pérez ME*, Hospital MM, **Howard MM**, Morris SL & Wagner E. (2025). Case Study for a Research Capacity Building Initiative for Community-Based Organizations. *J of Comm Engagement & Scholarship*, 18(1). <https://doi.org/10.54656/jces.v18i1.628>
2. Agarwal R, Heron L, Li T, Burke S, Sanchez M, **Howard MM** & Bastida E. (2025). The Strain of Healthcare Demands and Mental Health among Parents of Children with Autism in the United States. *J of Family Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13229400.2025.2523063>
3. Huang H, Ceavers O*, Pinzon-Iregui M & **Howard MM**. (2025). Connecting with fetus: the use of app-based fetal movement counting and experiences during pregnancy and birth. *Midwifery*, Article 104214. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2024.104214>
4. Huang H, Ceavers O*, Pinzon-Iregui M & **Howard MM**. (2024). Being pregnant during COVID-19: Exploring the COVID-19 related beliefs, behaviors and birth outcome among users of a pregnancy app. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 21(1), 34. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph21010034>
5. Fernandez SB, Clarke RD, Langwerden RJ*, Perez KR*, **Howard MM**, Hospital MH, Morris SL & Wagner EF. (2023). Lessons Learned from a Community-University Partnership to Increase Testing Services for Emerging Adults at a Minority-Serving Institution. *Journal of Prevention and Health Promotion*, 4, 339-363. <https://doi.org/10.1177/26320770231189182>
6. Agarwal R*, Wuyke G*, Sharma U, Burke SL, **Howard MM**, Li T, Sanchez M & Bastida E. (2022). Stress and anxiety among parents of transition-aged children with autism spectrum disorder: A systematic review of interventions and scales. *Review Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40489-022-00340-8>
7. Bozlak C, Brown Q, Davis R, de Long R, **Howard MM**, Lassiter T, Perez-Patron M, Taylor BD, Turchi R & Tissue MM (2022). Developing a Public Health Maternal and Child Health Training Program: Lessons Learned from Five Schools of Public Health. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-021-03327-9>
8. Wagner EF, Langwerden R*, Morris SL, Ward M, Trepka, MJ, Campa A, **Howard MM**, Charles S, Garba NA & Hospital MM (2021). Virtual town halls addressing vaccine hesitancy among racial/ethnic minorities: Preliminary findings. *Journal of the American Pharmacies Association*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japh.2021.11.005>
9. Clarke RD*, Morris SL, Wagner EF, **Howard MM**, Hospital MM, Fernandez SB & Wales E (2021). Getting Their Feet in the Door: Communication Cues to Action for HIV Testing and Preventing Sexual Risk Behaviors among Hispanic/Latinx College Students. *Journal of Primary Prevention*, 42, 331-341. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10935-020-00610-3>
10. Fernandez SB*, Wagner, EF, Hospital MM, **Howard MM** & Morris SL (2019). Social Media Based Strategies to Reach Hispanic Young Adults with Tailored Sexual Health Information. *Social Work and Social Sciences Review*, 21, 73-93. <https://doi.org/10.1921/swssr.v21i1.1286>
11. Fernandez, SB*, **Howard MM**, Hospital MM, Morris SL & Wagner EF (2018). Hispanic Students' Perceptions About HIV/STI Testing and Prevention: A Mixed-Methods Study in a

Hispanic-Serving University. *Health Promotion Practice*, 20(5), 742-750.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1524839918801590>

12. **Howard MM**, Weiler RM & Haddox DJ (2009). Development and Reliability of Items Measuring the Nonmedical Use of Prescription Drugs for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. *Journal of School Health*, 79 (11), 554-60. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1746-1561.2009.00448.x>
13. **Morris MC**, Cline RJW, Weiler RM, & Broadway SC (2006). Prescription Drug Abuse Information in D.A.R.E. *Journal of Drug Education*, 36(1), 33-45. <https://doi.org/10.2190/AT0P-NGT8-2KWY-UY48>
14. **Morris MC**, Rickard ML, & Peterson EH (2005). Cultural Factors Affecting Alcohol Consumption and Health Outcomes in the United States and Germany. *The Health Education Student Monograph*, 22(2), 22-26.
15. **Morris MC** (2004). The Resurgence of Prescription Drug Abuse Among Adolescents and Young Adults. *The Health Education Student Monograph*, 21(2), 30-34.

Published Abstracts

1. Fernandez SB*, Wagner EF, Hospital MM, Morris SL, **Howard MM** & Graziano J. (2016). Direct and Indirect Strategies for Reducing Alcohol Use in Emerging Adult Clinical and Community Samples: Social Media-Based Prevention for Reducing Alcohol Use Problems among Emerging Adults. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*. Volume 40, Supplement: S1. <https://doi.org/10.1111/acer.13084>
2. Fernandez SB, Pinzon-Iregui MC, Perez KR*, Anastario M, Ibañez G, Huang H & **Howard MM** (2022). Perceived impact of COVID-19 on community-based organizations: perspectives of agency members serving families in South Florida. Published abstracts of The American Academy of Health Behavior 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting: The Science of Health Behaviors in Times of Crises. *Health Behavior Research*, 5(2). <https://doi.org/10.4148/2572-1836.1159>
3. Fernandez SB*, Perez KR*, Quintana J, Clarke RD*, **Howard MM**, Hospital MM, Morris SL & Wagner EF (2020). Tailoring Online Behavioral Health Messaging to Maximize Engagement with Latinx Young Adults. Published abstracts of The American Academy of Health Behavior 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting: Transforming the Narrative to Meet Emerging Health Behavior Challenges. *Health Behavior Research*, 3(2). <https://doi.org/10.4148/2572-1836.1091>

b. Grants (Completed)

1. Wagner EF (PI). Co-Investigators: Azzam D, Burke S, Bursac Z, Guilarte T, Hospital MM, **Howard MM**, Martinez SS, Mitchell J, Morris SL, Sheehan D, and Trepka MJ. FIU Center for Reducing Health Disparities: A Research Center in Minority Institutions (RCMI). Amount: \$19,475,236. Funded Sep 1, 2022- Jun 30, 2027. U54MD012393 (NIH, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities/NIMHD). [Left institution in 2023; Funding ongoing] Role: Co-Director, Community Engagement Core
2. Fernandez SB (PI). Co-Investigators: Clarke R, **Howard MM**, Huang H, Morris SL, Hospital MM, Wagner EF, and Wilson C. Year 3: External Evaluation of Closing the Gap (CTG) Grant Program to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Florida. Amount: \$300,000. Funded Jul 1, 2022-Jun 30, 2023. AWD000000014701 (Florida Department of Health). Role: Co-I
3. **Howard MM (PI)**. Co-Investigators: Diaz-Martinez J, Fava N, and Hospital MM. Amount: \$66,124. Health Equity Think Tanks and Innovations. Funded Apr 1, 2022-Jun 30, 2022. AWD000000014468 (Florida Department of Health). Role: PI
4. **Howard MM (PI)** and Huang H (Co-PI). Co- Investigators: Anastario M, Bursac Z, Garba NA, Fernandez SB, Morris SL, Hospital MM, Ibañez G, and Wagner EF. Year 2: External Evaluation of Closing the Gap (CTG) Grant Program to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Florida. Amount: \$400,000. Funded Jul 1, 2021-Jun 30, 2022. AWD000000012993 (Florida Department of Health). Role: PI

5. **Howard MM** (PI) and Huang H (Co-PI). Co- Investigators: Anastario M, Bursac Z, Garba NA, Fernandez SB, Morris SL, Hospital MM, Ibañez G, and Wagner EF. Year 1: External Evaluation of Closing the Gap (CTG) Grant Program to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Florida. Amount: \$174,857.80. Funded Apr 1, 2021-Jun 30, 2021. AWD000000012781 (FL Department of Health). Role: PI
6. Wagner EF (PI). Co-Investigators: Campa A, Garba NA, Morris SL, Hospital MM, **Howard MM**, Trepka MJ, and Ward M. FIU Center for Reducing Health Disparities in Substance Abuse & HIV in South Florida. COVID-19 Supplement—Town Halls: Enhancing COVID-Vaccine Health Literacy among Underrepresented Minority Communities Amount: \$199,998. Funded Sep 28, 2020-Sep 27, 2021. U54MD012393-04S4 (NIH, NIMHD). Role: Co-I
7. **Howard MM** (FIU PI), Huang H (FIU Co-PI), and Fermin M (Community PI). Assessing Use of Count the Kicks and Potential Changes to Stillbirth Rates in Miami-Dade County Before and During COVID-19. Amount: \$10,000. Funded Jan 15, 2021-Dec 15, 2021. U54MD012393/Sub-award RCMI1152501 (NIMHD, NIH). Role: PI
8. **Howard MM** (FIU PI) and Fermin M (Community PI). Feasibility of Implementing an Innovative Tool to Prevent Poor Pregnancy Outcomes among High-Risk Mothers in Miami-Dade County. Amount: \$5,500. Funded Jan 15, 2020-Jun 15, 2020. U54MD012393/ Sub-award RCMI1152501 (NIH, NIMHD). Role: PI
9. Wagner EF (PI). Co-Investigators: Hospital MM, Morris SL, Bursac Z, Trepka MJ, Campa A, Guilarte T, Trucco E, and Sutherland M. FIU Center for Reducing Health Disparities in Substance Abuse & HIV in South Florida: A Research Center in Minority Institutions (RCMI). Amount: \$13,100,000. Funded Sep 1, 2017- Jun 1, 2022. U54MD012393 (NIH, NIMDH). Roles: Administrative Core- Project Evaluator (2017-2018) & Community Engagement Core-Faculty Affiliate (2019-2022)
10. Wagner EF (PI). Co-Investigators: Morris SL, Hospital MM, **Howard MM**, Graziano J, Muñoz D, & Maya C. FIU Partnership for Preventing Health Risks Among Youth. Amount: \$1,750,000. Funded Sep 30, 2015-Mar 31, 2021. IH79SP021160-01 (SAMHSA). Role: Co-I

c. Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

* Denotes student/mentee author at time of presentation.

1. Haider MR, Clinton S*, Rahman H*, McKinney D, **Howard MM**. AI as Partner, Not Replacement: Systemic Thinking and Human Oversight in Health Policy Education, SoTL Commons Conference, February 2026, Savannah, GA (oral).
2. Harris C, McKinney D, Taylor M, **Howard MM**, Peebles M*. From Tabletop to Twine: Active Learning for Workforce Readiness in Disaster Management Education. *Active Learning Summit*, February 2026, Athens, GA (oral).
3. Bridges S, Gilstrap S, **Howard MM**, McKinney D & Lydon K. From Passive to Active: Redesigning Online & Flipped Instruction. *Active Learning Summit*, February 2025, Athens, GA (oral).
4. **Howard MM**, McKinney D, Emerson K, & Coffman R. Empowering engagement: Tips to become an expert “Slacker” in online teaching. *USG Teaching and Learning Conference*, April 2024, Athens, GA (oral).
5. Okeke D*, Pinzon-Iregui M & **Howard MM**. Engaging the next generation of public health professionals: How student interest groups bridge the gap between classroom and career. *American Public Health Association National Meeting*, November 2023, Atlanta, GA (oral).
6. Ceavers O*, Huang H, Pinzon-Iregui M, Brown J*, and **Howard MM**. Connecting with fetus: the use of app-based fetal movement counting and experiences during pregnancy and birth. *Star Legacy Foundation Stillbirth Summit*, June 2023, San Diego, CA (poster).
7. Huang H, Fernandez SB, Wilson C, Pinzon-Iregui M, Perez K*, Maldonado M*, Clarke R, Fleites C*, Martin N*, and **Howard MM**. Rigor, Fidelity, and Outcomes: Creating an evidence-based program evaluation framework across health areas and geographic

- locations for underserved communities. *American Academy of Health Behavior Scientific Meeting*, March 2023, San Francisco, CA (poster).
8. Fernandez SB, **Howard MM**, Wilson C, Pinzon-Iregui M, Perez K*, Maldonado M*, Clarke R, Fleites C*, Martin M*, and Huang H. Modifications to evidenced-based intervention designs: Towards translational approaches that allow for flexibility. American Academy of Health Behavior Annual Conference Meeting. *American Academy of Health Behavior Scientific Meeting*, March 2023, San Francisco, CA (poster).
 9. Huang H, **Howard MM**, Fernandez SB, Rafierfar M*, Pinzon-Iregui MC, Perez KR*, and Wilson C. A comprehensive evaluation of community-based programs to reduce health disparities among minority communities in Florida. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*, January 2023, Phoenix, AZ (oral).
 10. Fernandez SB, **Howard MM**, Huang H, Rafierfar M*, Pinzon-Iregui MC, Perez KR*, Wilson C, and Anastario M. Addressing social determinants of health: Perspectives of community-based organizations serving vulnerable populations in Florida. *Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting*, May-June 2022, Seattle, WA (poster).
 11. Fernandez SB, Pinzon-Iregui MC, Perez KR, Anastario M, Ibañez G, Huang H, and **Howard MM**. Perceived impact of COVID-19 on community-based organizations: perspectives of agency members serving families in South Florida. *American Academy of Health Behavior National Conference*, March 2022, Key Largo, FL (poster).
 12. Agarwal R*, Wuyke G*, Bastida E, Burke S, **Howard MM**, Li T, and Sanchez, M. Interventions and Scales Assessing Stress and Anxiety Among Parents of Transition-aged Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Systematic Review. *American Public Health Association National Meeting*, October 2021, Denver, CO (poster).
 13. Agarwal R*, Heron L*, Burke S, Bastida E, **Howard MM**, Li T, and Sanchez M. Financial Planning and Utilization Among Parents of Children with ID: An Exploratory Study. *American Public Health Association National Meeting*, October 2021, Denver, CO (poster).
 14. Pinzon-Iregui MC, **Howard MM**, Novoa OB*, Reiter L, Cardenas A, Torres J, and Fermin M. Perceived Impact of COVID-19 on Families and Staff Affiliated with a MCH Service Coordination Organization in South Florida. *American Public Health Association National Meeting*, October 2021, Denver, CO (poster).
 15. Fernandez SB, Perez KR*, Quintana J, **Howard MM**, Clarke R, Hospital M, Morris S, and Wagner EF. Tailoring Online Behavioral Health Messaging to Maximize Engagement with Latinx Young Adults. *American Academy of Health Behavior National Meeting*, June 2020, Napa, CA (poster).
 16. Agarwal R*, Bendaña H*, Melendez K*, Miranda S*, Trought K*, and **Howard MM**. Florida International University's (FIU's) Leaders in Maternal and Child Health: Engaging public health students and building MCH capacity in South Florida. *American Public Health Association National Meeting*, November 2017, Atlanta, GA (roundtable).
 17. **Howard MM**, Fernandez SB*, Graziano J, Hospital MM, Morris SL, and Wagner EF. Getting Their Foot in the Door: Communication Cues to Action for HIV Test Takers at a Hispanic-serving Institution (HSI). *American Public Health Association National Meeting*, November 2017, Atlanta, GA (oral).
 18. Khalil I*, Bhatt C*, and **Howard MM**. Pesticide exposure among farmworkers in Florida. *Florida Public Health Association Annual Meeting*, July 2017, Orlando, FL (poster).
 19. Wagner E, Hospital M, Morris S, **Howard MM**, Graziano J, and Fernandez SB*. Social media engagement for sexual health promotion among Hispanic young adults. *The International Society for Research on Internet Interventions*, April 2016, Seattle, WA (oral).
 20. Wagner E, Hospital M, **Howard MM**, Graziano J, and Fernandez SB*. HIV Testing strategies for reaching Urban Hispanic Young Adults: A University-Community Partnership. *Int'l Conference on Urban Health*, April 2016, San Francisco, CA (oral).

21. Fernandez SB*, Wagner E, Hospital M, Morris S, **Howard MM**, and Graziano J. #MissHivaria: Social Media Engagement for Expanding HIV Testing Among Hispanic Young Adults. *CDC National HIV Prevention Conference*, December 2015, Atlanta, GA (poster).
22. Fernandez SB*, Graziano J, Hospital M, **Howard MM**, and Wagner E. Community-based Research Partnerships for Preventing Health Risks among Urban Young Adults. *45th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association*, April 2015, Miami, FL (oral).
23. Largo-Wight E, Guardino C, Hall K, **Howard MM**, Thomas E, and Ottenstein C*. CBPR lessons learned in a public elementary school: Academic-community partnership. *Children's Mental Health Research Conference*, March 2015, Tampa, FL (poster).
24. **Howard MM**, Largo-Wight E, McCoy HV, Darrow WW, Rubens M*, and Capriles-Quilros, J.A. Public Health Workforce Development in Florida and Puerto Rico. *Annual Social Marketing Conference*, June 2014, Clearwater Beach, FL (poster).
25. **Howard MM**, McCoy VH, Darrow WW, Rubens M*, Largo-Wight E, and Capriles-Quirós JA. Consumer-Based Planning Approach to Strengthen Competence in Diverse Public Health Workforce. *Annual Social Marketing Conference*, June 2014, Clearwater Beach, FL (oral).
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 43. **Morris MC**, Cline RJW, Weiler RM, and Broadway SC. Failure of Health Textbook Activities to Address Proper Use of Prescription Drugs. *American School Health Association National School Health Conference*, October 2004, Pittsburgh, PA (poster).
 44. Cline RJW, **Morris MC**, Broadway SC, and Weiler RM. Lack of Definition: An Analysis of Prescription Drug Terms in Health Textbooks. *American School Health Association National School Health Conference*, October 2004, Pittsburgh, PA (oral).
- d. Invited Presentations & Guest Lectures (Since 2020)
1. *Non-Communicable Diseases*, Online module prepared and delivered to Jennie Gay's HPRB 1710e, Health and Wellness course (September-October, 2025)
 2. *Community Engagement and Cultural Humility*, Delivered to Lucy Ingram's HPRB 7990: Diversity & Social Justice course (Apr 2, 2025)
 3. *Connecting the Dots: Advancing Your Career Through Professional Development and Networking*, Keynote delivered to Georgia College's Public Health Program (Nov 11, 2024)
 4. *Essentials of Online Course Design*, Delivered to Andrea Swartzendruber's GRSC 7770: Graduate Teaching Seminar (Nov 6, 2024)
 5. *Elevating Student Voices*, Session moderated for the HRSA Division of MCH Workforce Development's All Awardee Annual Meeting (May 4, 2023)
 6. *Socio-Economic Determinants of Health: From Awareness to Action*. Delivered to the Annual Provider Meeting of the Closing the Gap Grant (Apr 25, 2023)
 7. *Best Practices for Community Engaged Research*, Delivered to Dr. Sabrina Sales Martinez' graduate research in nutrition course at FIU (Mar 15, 2023)
 8. Count The Kicks Fetal Movement Monitoring Campaign Overview, Tailored for the Miami-Dade Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Quarterly Meeting (Jun 16, 2022)
 9. *Beliefs and Behaviors of Pregnant Count the Kicks Users During COVID-19*, Tailored for the Florida DOH/ Health Healthy Start Coalitions Quarterly Meeting (May 5, 2022)
 10. *Fostering Leadership to Promote Breastfeeding in Miami-Dade*, Panel discussion which supplied CEUs to 70 members of the professional community (Mar 10, 2022)
 11. *Mentoring Students and Faculty from URM Communities*, Delivered During the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Catalyst/COE National Meeting (April 5, 2022)
 12. Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Individual, Family, and Community Health, Delivered to the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade (Jan 21, 2022)

13. Community-Academic Partnerships for Research: Improving Pregnancy and Postpartum Outcomes in Miami, Hosted by FIU's RCMI (November 6, 2020)
14. Social Determinants of Health, A seminar delivered every semester to FIU's PHC 6930c: Integrative Seminar in Public Health (every semester through Spring 2023)

e. Internal Reports

Unpublished reports for the Florida Department of Health projects listed in Grants section

1. **Howard, MM**, Huang, H & Fernandez SB (December 2022). External Evaluation of Closing the Gap (CTG): Florida Department of Health's Grant Program to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities, 2022. Produced for the Florida Dept of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Equity under AWD000000012993
2. **Howard, MM** & Huang, H (December 2021). External Evaluation of Closing the Gap (CTG): Florida Department of Health's Grant Program to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities, 2018-2021. Produced for the Florida Dept of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Equity AWD000000012781
3. **Howard, MM**, Iglesias A & Hospital MM (June 2022). South Florida Health Equity Think Tanks Report. Produced for the Florida Dept of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Equity AWD000000014468

2. Public Service (2019-Present)

a. Local Community Services & Relations

- **Event Volunteer & Student Coordinator**, No More Broken Hearts domestic violence workshop and resource fair (2021-2023)
- **Chair**, Professional Development Committee of BreastfeedMIAMI (2021-2023)
- **Member**, Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade, Children's Issues Committee (2019-2023)
- **Member**, Miami Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Community Action Group (2019-2023)
- **Member**, Miami Nurse-Family Partnership Community Advisory Board (2019-2023)
- **Science Fair Judge**, Florida Jr. Academy of Sciences. (2021-2022)
- **Faculty Mentor**, FIU Embrace program for students with ID (2015-2020)
- **Facilitator**, Local Public Health Assessment in Miami-Dade County (2019)

b. Service to State Governmental & Nongovernmental Agencies

- **Member**, Florida Family Leader's Network (2020-2022)
- **Clinical Director**, Special Olympics of Florida Healthy Athletes Program (2013-2020)

3. Professional Service (since 2019 at UGA and FIU)

- a. Service to Professional Societies, Governmental, or Nongovernmental Organizations
- **Conference Co-Chair**, State of the Public's Health Conference (2024-Present)

b. External Evaluator of Promotion/Tenure Dossiers

- **Clinical Promotion Evaluator**, Erin Cooperman, Indiana University (2025)
- **Tenure & Promotion Evaluator**, Na'Tasha Evans, Kent State University (2022)

c. Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer

- **Reviewer**, Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community (2025)

d. Service to the Department of Health Promotion & Behavior at UGA

- **Member**, Curriculum Committee (2024-Present)
 - **Member**, Clinical Faculty Promotion Committee (2023-Present)
- e. Service to the Department of Health Promotion & Disease Prevention at FIU
- **Graduate Program Director** (2016-2023)
 - **Recruitment, Open House and Graduate Orientation Representative** (2012-2023)
 - **Chair**, MPH-MCH Admissions Committee (2015-2023)
 - **Member**, MPH-HPDP Admissions Committee (2012-2023)
- f. Service to the College of Public Health at UGA
- **Member**, Lead Instructional Designer search committee (2026)
 - **Member**, Epidemiology clinical faculty search committee (2025)
 - **Member**, Environmental Health Science clinical faculty search committee (2025)
 - **Member (ex officio)**, MPH Core Curriculum Committee (2023-Present)
 - **Member**, Academic and Student Affairs clinical faculty search committee (2024)
 - **Recruitment, Open House and Orientation Representative** (2023-Present)
 - **Graduate Program Director**, Online MPH Program (2023-Present)
- g. Service to the College of Public Health & Social Work at FIU
- **Chair**, Non-tenure track promotion committee (2020-2023); **Member** (2014-2019)
 - **Chair**, Health Promotion clinical faculty search committee (2022)
 - **Member**, Social Work faculty search committees (2017, 2022)
 - **Member**, Stempel College Educational Policy Committee/EPC (2019-2023)
 - **Member**, Strategic Plan for Miami Human Services (2020-2022)
 - **Member**, CEPH Re-accreditation Review Committee (2010-2012 & 2018-2020)
 - **Member**, MPH Online Committee (2015-2019)
 - **Member**, Director of Student & Alumni Affairs search committee (2016)
 - **Banner Marshal**, Graduation ceremonies (Spring 2014, Summer 2019)
 - **Chair**, MPH Practicum Coordinator search committee (2011)
 - **Chair**, Public Health Student Services Director search committee (2011)
- h. Service to Florida International University
- **Chair**, Alcohol & Drug Prevention Taskforce (2017-2019), **Member** (2013-2023)
 - **Member**, University Curriculum Committee Course Review Group (2022-2023)
 - **Member**, University Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee (2019-2021)
- i. Service to Student Groups and Organizations
- **Founding Faculty Advisor**, FIU's Leaders in Maternal & Child Health (2016-2023)