

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education and Training

***Rabbinic Ordination, Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters
and Certificate in Aging (2006)***

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, PA

Master of Public Health, Health Education (1980)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Arts, Human Development (1977)

Magna cum Laude with Special Distinction in Major Field of Study

Colby College, Waterville, Maine

Year of Study Abroad (1975 -1976)

Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem, Israel

Pre-Medicine Curriculum (1992 -1995)

Austin Community College

Training in Systems and Group Dynamics (2000 - Present)

Dr. Yvonne M. Agazarian, Lead Trainer

Systems-Centered Training and Research Institute (SCTRI), Philadelphia, PA

Certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education (2002)

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Certificate in Mediating Complex Public Policy Disputes (1996)

CDR Associates, Boulder, Colorado

Certificate in Mediating Interpersonal Disputes (1991)

Corder Thompson and Associates, Austin, Texas

Languages

Bilingual in English and in Hebrew (speaking only)

Professional Experience

Professor (2018 - Present)
Associate Professor (2004–2018)
Assistant Professor (2001 - 2004)
Adjunct Faculty (2000 – 2001)
Department of Community Health and Prevention
Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University
Philadelphia, PA

Actively engaged in teaching, curriculum development, mentoring, research and evaluation, consultation, university, and community service for eighteen years.

Teaching, curriculum and mentoring highlights:

- Awarded Drexel University's Barbara G. Hornum Award for Teaching Excellence and Pedagogical Innovation (2017).
- Won Dornsife School of Public Health's Golden Apple Teaching Excellence Award three times (2002, 2005, 2014)
- Awarded Department of Community Health and Prevention's Faculty Adviser Award (2018)
- Developed new MPH graduate minor in Arts in Public Health
- Teaches masters-level and doctoral-level students; advises and mentors MPH students; chairs community-based masters project committees; member of doctoral dissertation committee
- Develops curriculum, including community-based service learning, problem-based learning and case studies for graduate-level community health and prevention courses
- Served on Dornsife School of Public Health's MPH Redesign Task Force
- Served on Dornsife School of Public Health's Performance Alignment Review (PAR) to redesign its Executive MPH Program

Research, evaluation and consultation highlights:

- Served as Principal Investigator for citywide evaluation of Philadelphia's Mental Health First Aid Program with ~1000 survey respondents
- Designed, led and evaluated trainings to build the capacity of religious and lay leaders to respond to trauma and to improve the religious competency of health professionals, which won a national award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Serves as a national leader in field of religion, spirituality and public health.
 - Served as judge of national essay contest about religion, spirituality and public health open to undergraduate and graduate students in all schools of public health
 - Presented new material at invited APHA annual conference workshop sponsored by Epidemiology Section (2017)

- Consulted with:
 - DHHS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - Philadelphia Department of Public Health
 - Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS)
 - Stephen and Sandra Sheller Eleventh Street Family Health Services
 - Siloam (services for people living with HIV and AIDS)
 - Kalsman Center on Judaism and Health at Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion
 - US Public Health Schools Consortium on Religion and Spirituality.
- Authored two chapters in new textbook, Why Religion and Spirituality Matter for Public Health edited by Doug Oman at University of California at Berkeley, Springer Publications (in press, to be published March 2018)
- Conducted statewide research on barriers to comprehensive oral health services for people with developmental disabilities; surveyed 2000 Pennsylvania dentists; developed policy recommendations for the Pennsylvania Council on Developmental Disabilities; consulted with the Pennsylvania Academy of Pediatrics about evaluating statewide program to integrate oral health and primary medical care
- Conducted comprehensive community assessment in Lower Northeast Philadelphia for the Thomas J. Scattergood Foundation and the Friends Hospital with staff of 12, including graduate students and alumni

University and community service highlights:

- Served as Chair & Vice-Chair of Dornsife School of Public Health Executive Committee of the Faculty (2011-2015)
- Serves as Chair of the By-Laws Committee (2018 - Present)
- Served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the city's Faith and Spiritual Affairs Advisory Committee, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS); received Trailblazer Award for dedication to building successful partnerships between faith communities, religious leaders and the city agency
- Served on Drexel University's Mental Health Self-Study to address suicide prevention for student population
- Served on Dornsife School of Public Health's Performance Alignment Review (PAR) for redesign of Executive MPH Program
- Serves on selection committees for university and school faculty, staff and student awards
- Serves on board of Ben Gurion University/Philadelphia Bridge for Academic Excellence promoting partnerships between Philadelphia-based universities and research institutions and Israel's Ben Gurion University
- Co-led Dornsife School's year-long strategic planning process with Dean Ana Diez Roux and Associate Dean Yvonne Michael
- Advised Department Chair and Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs on strategic academic, governance and management issues
- Provided consultation to Assistant Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs and staff about development of new school-wide professional development seminars for MPH students
- Provides pro-bono consultation to many community-based organizations and

leaders on evaluation and survey design, strategic planning, board development, community engagement and assessment, outreach, policy development and advocacy

***Spiritual Director
Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Wyncote, PA (2008 - Present)***

- Serves as spiritual guide to rabbinical students

***Director of Congregational Services and Consulting
Jewish Reconstructionist Federation
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2006 - 2010)***

- Planned, conducted and evaluated programs for the Jewish Reconstructionist movement and provided consultation to its network of 108 congregations across North America, including design and implementation of innovative distance-learning program focused on leadership and board development, outreach, fundraising, community-engagement and capacity-building; designed web-based resources
- Built continental program infrastructure and developed sub-networks of congregations for peer consultation and support
- Provided extensive individualized consultation to congregations, rabbis and boards
- Supervised regional program and consulting staff located in five regions of the United States and Canada

***President (2000 – 2006)
N. Epstein and Associates, LLC
Health Care and Policy Consultants***

- Advised, conducted research, synthesis, writing, program development and evaluation services to an array of clients, including foundations, professional associations, medical schools and community-based organizations

***Staff Chaplain
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA (2002 and 2004)***

- Served as chaplain to patients, families and staff in hospital's Level I trauma center and emergency department, rehabilitation unit, head and neck cancers, and unit treating people with leukemia and lymphoma, which was the focus of significant research studies on the effects of spiritual care on health outcomes and wellbeing

***Chaplain
Abramson Center for Jewish Life
North Wales, PA (2002 - 2003)***

- Served as student rabbi and chaplain at new, large-scale geriatric center providing assisted living and nursing home care to more than 300 residents

***Director, Health Policy and Programs (1998 - 2000)
Health Care Consultant (2000 - 2001)
Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, DC***

- Directed health policy activities; provided consultation and developed model legislation for state legislators and legislative health committees across the United States; conducted programs to educate state legislators and train their staffs; convened legislators and developed strategies to share successful, progressive legislative solutions across states
- Provided continuous health policy and programmatic consultation to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for its \$58 million dollar initiative "Community Voices: Health Care for the Underserved" and its thirteen nationwide grantees focused on developing new health care models for underserved communities, including health insurance expansion, outreach and enrollment, addressing health disparities, community engagement, community health assessment, community health workers, behavioral health, oral health, cultural competency and policy sustainability
- Wrote, edited and published reports (i.e. community health workers, oral health, health insurance coverage) on health policy topics of strategic importance to underserved communities and those experiencing health disparities
- Presented at numerous conferences for legislators, lobbyists and local, state and national citizen activists
- Planned five-day national conference for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and its grantees focused on social determinants of health, community mobilization, ethnic and racial disparities in health care, oral health, engaging the human and community spirit in health, and informing health policy with evidence-based community health models

***Executive Director
Disability Policy Consortium
Austin, Texas (1991 - 1998)***

- Worked as a registered lobbyist at the Texas State Capitol; directed lobbying and policy-related activities of consortium of 21 statewide disability advocacy organizations (representing hundreds of local chapters) focused on health and human services and education, including managed care, patients' rights and provider protections, access to insurance, long term care and community-based services, health and human rights, special education, language and physical accessibility, architectural barriers and transportation
- Convened and chaired statewide coalition of consumer organizations and health provider associations that lobbied successfully for enactment of comprehensive legislation protecting patients' and providers' rights under HMOs. This legislation served as the model for Congress's Patient Protection Act and

managed care protections enacted by many other states, all of which became the subject of university research that has been documented in the peer-reviewed literature.

- Provided testimony and served as expert witness to legislative committees and state agency task forces (e.g. Medicaid managed care, HMOs, long term care and community supports)
- Designed, wrote and/or edited The Capitol Connection, a weekly bulletin of legislative bill analyses provided to over 1000 subscribers, as well as dozens of consortium policy position papers prepared for each session of the legislature
- Served on numerous statewide advisory committees and task forces, including genetics, EPSDT, small business and health insurance, aging, and Medicaid managed care
- Authored consumers' advocacy training curriculum and trainer's guide to build capacity of people with disabilities and their family members to influence the state and federal legislative processes
- Presented on a wide variety of public health and human services policy topics at many state and national conferences
- Facilitated monthly consortium meetings; mediated differences among member organization's policy positions to successfully reach consensus and adopt a shared legislative agenda supported for every legislative session

***Director, Special Programs | Director, Texas-Israel Exchange
Director, Texas International Agricultural Development Foundation
Texas Department of Agriculture
Austin, Texas (1987 - 1991)***

- Directed congressionally - recognized international relations program that served as the prototype for twenty-state exchanges with Israel
- Worked with Commissioner Jim Hightower to develop integrative strategies for supporting sustainable agriculture, family farmers, and model farm-to-market programs that provided the template for today's CSAs
- Oversaw model farm on the border with Mexico demonstrating cutting edge agricultural practices in sustainable agriculture, water conservation, semi-arid agriculture, integrated pest management, and new crops with an emphasis on growing and marketing cut flowers
- Directed fundraising initiatives for 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Raised \$750,000 to support new agricultural development
- Designed legislation creating the Texas-Israel Semi-Arid Fund, a bilateral grant program funded by Texas and Israel to support applied research in semi-arid farming and sustainable agriculture
- Planned and led two-week Israel study tour for business, academic and governmental leaders
- Provided input for first pilot program to use WIC food coupons at farmers markets
- Gave speeches and presentations throughout the state and nation on hunger, nutrition and innovative farm-to-market models

***Director, Indigent Health Care Legislative Working Group
Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council
Texas Legislative Council
Austin, TX (1985 - 1987)***

- Appointed jointly by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House to oversee implementation across five state agencies of \$115 million indigent health care package that created new state programs for primary care, and maternal and infant health, enacted county responsibilities for indigent health care and disproportionate-share payments to hospitals providing uncompensated care to low-income Texans (the model for Congress' S enactment of DSH, the largest source of reimbursement to U.S. hospitals providing charity care) and prevented "patient dumping" of uninsured emergency room patients by for-profit hospitals
- Served as expert adviser on Indigent Health Care to Offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, committees of the Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives, state agencies, health care provider associations, local governments, universities, professional health care associations and consumer advocacy groups
- Staffed the Texas House of Representatives Special Legislative Committee on Health Care Services for Low-Income Texans
- Gave speeches and presentations across the state

***Executive Director
Texas Senate Interim Committee on Hunger and Nutrition
Austin, Texas (1983 - 1985)***

- Developed model policy initiatives, wrote legislation and promoted bi-partisan authorship, passage and funding for comprehensive hunger relief in Texas targeting pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children, homebound elders and unemployed workers and their families. Legislation became a national model used by other state legislatures and elected officials.
- Authored Texas Senate report, Faces of Hunger in the Shadow of Plenty, summarizing research, data, findings, and presenting legislative and policy recommendations for action
- Conducted research, designed surveys and collected primary data and stories about hunger among elderly Texans, the WIC population and unemployed workers and their families. Surveyed 10,000 churches in co-sponsorship with the Texas Conference of Churches. Conducted other surveys cooperatively with the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Department on Aging.
- Organized and conducted twelve public hearing across the state and produced transcripts for each
- Served as member of the Governor' S Interagency Panel on Nutrition and Fitness
- Worked collaboratively with the Harvard Physician Task Force on Hunger in America and provided original data and testimony documenting emergency food relief efforts from survey responses from 2,000 churches around the state
- Gave speeches and presentations across the state and the country

Coordinator, Good Health School Community Health Program Seton

Medical Center, Austin, Texas (1982 - 1983)

- Designed and coordinated extensive community-based health education program with more than 400 class sessions nationally recognized as a model by the American Hospital Association
- Initiated and chaired The East Austin Coalition for Health dedicated to improving the delivery of public health services and medical care to low-income persons
- Consulted with public and private agencies about employee wellness programs; designed and conducted employee and community health surveys

***Training Coordinator and Grants Manager
Community Nutrition Institute
Washington, DC (1980 - 1982)***

- Managed grant-funded national demonstration program on nutrition education in two sites: New Orleans and Milwaukee
- Coordinated training workshops in 20 states to improve administration of Home-Delivered Meals programs for elderly and disabled persons
- Participated in development of two Washington, DC - based national food policy conferences and the first national Food Safety Coalition

***Community Organizer
North Carolina Agricultural Marketing Project
Chapel Hill, North Carolina (1980)***

- Developed farmers markets in Orange County and Alamance County, North Carolina; conducted outreach to farmers; set up markets; developed policies, procedures and non-profit governance
- Developed demonstration project for direct marketing of fresh, locally-produced vegetables and fruits to restaurants, senior centers, hospitals, and supermarkets in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Burlington, Graham, and Elon, which served as a model for innovative community agriculture efforts at the local and national levels

***Research Assistant to Dr. Tony Whitehead
Department of Health Education, School of Public Health
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1978 - 1979)***

- Conducted literature searches and wrote summaries of peer-reviewed articles and books providing data about diet, strokes and other cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases among African-Americans living in the Southeast United States

***International Correspondent
Office of the Prime Minister***

Jerusalem, Israel (1977 - 1978)

- Wrote and managed correspondence for the Inter-Ministerial Committee for the Thirtieth Anniversary of Israeli Independence at the time of the historic visit to Jerusalem of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat

Teaching Experience

Taught the following courses at the Drexel University School of Public Health:

Doctoral-Level Courses

- PBHL 823: Faith, Religion, Spirituality and Health
 - Summer 2006
 - Spring 2011
 - Winter 2012
 - Spring 2014
 - Spring 2016
 - Spring 2018
- PBHL 814: Health Policy and Evaluation (Guest Lecturer)
 - 2007
 - 2010
 - 2011

Masters-Level Courses

- CHP 671: Community Organizing and Community Assessment for Health and Wellbeing
 - Spring 2021
- CHP 530: Arts for Community Health and Wellness
 - Spring 2020
 - Spring 2021
- CHP 531: Community-Engaged Practice for Arts in Public Health
 - Fall 2020
 - Fall 2021
- PBHL 671: Theory and Practice of Community Health Promotion
 - Fall 2006
 - Fall 2007
 - Independent Study with DrPH Student (Spring 2007)
 - Fall 2008
 - Fall 2009
 - Fall 2010
 - Fall 2011
 - Fall 2012
 - Fall 2013
 - Fall 2015 (Guest Lecturer)
 - Fall 2016
 - Fall 2017

- PBHL 550-ES: Community Health Assessment
 - Winter/Spring 2001 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2002 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2003 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2004 (Executive MPH Program - Course Leader of Multiple Sections)
 - Winter/Spring 2005 (Executive MPH Program - Course Leader of Multiple Sections)
 - Winter/Spring 2007 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2008 (Executive MPH Program - Course Leader of Multiple Sections)
 - Winter/Spring 2009 (Executive MPH Program - Course Leader of Multiple Sections)
 - Winter/Spring 2010 (Executive MPH Program - Course Leader of Multiple Sections)
 - Winter/Spring 2013 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2014 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Spring 2014 (Guest Lecturer, Fulltime MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2015 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2017 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2018 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Winter/Spring 2020 (Executive MPH Program)

- Winter/Spring 2021

- PBHL 540 ES: Behavioral Assessment
 - Fall 2000 (Part-time MPH Program)
 - Fall 2001 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Fall 2002 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Fall 2003 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Fall 2004 (Executive MPH Program)
 - Fall 2005 (Fulltime MPH Program)

- PBHL 604: Public Health Advocacy and Activism (Guest Lecturer)
 - Spring 2014

- Executive MPH Program, Block 7: Program Planning and Evaluation
 - Spring 2003
 - Spring 2004 - Course Co-leader of Multiple Sections

Chaired dozens of MPH students' community-based masters projects and served as adviser for many Executive MPH students' theses and independent studies

- Names and titles available on request

Honors and Awards

Dornsife School of Public Health, Department of Community Health and Prevention (CHP)

Faculty Adviser Award (2018)

Drexel University's Barbara G. Hornum Award for Teaching Excellence and Pedagogical Innovation, 2017

Trailblazer Award, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, 2015

Golden Apple Teaching Excellence Awards, Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University, 2014, 2005, 2002

Texas Senate Legislative Resolution of Honor and Appreciation, 1998

Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner's Award, 1991

Clinical Pastoral Education Scholarship, 2002

Rabbinical Scholarship Awards, 2000 - 2006

Congressional Resolution Honoring the Texas-Israel Exchange Program, 1990

Anti-Hunger Coalition of Texas "Thank You for Caring Too Much" Award, 1985

American Hospital Association Honor Award for Seton Medical Center's Good Health School Program, 1982

U.S. Public Health Service Traineeship Award, 1979-1980

Current and Prior Memberships,
Appointments and University and
Community Service

Board Member, St. Christopher's Foundation for Children

Chair and Vice-Chair, Executive Committee of the Faculty, Drexel University School of Public Health

Chair, By-Laws Committee, Drexel University School of Public Health

Chair and Vice-Chair, Board of Faith and Spiritual Affairs, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services

Chair, Texas Legislative Coalition for Patient and Provider Protections in Managed Care

Legislative Chair, Health Education Section, American Public Health Association, Workshop Designer and Leader, *Religious Competency: A Workshop for Health Care Providers and Public Health Professionals*, Drexel University School of Public Health/Pennsylvania Training Center for the Public Health Workforce, June 2012

Public Health Faculty Advisor, Campus Suicide Prevention Initiative, Drexel University

Research Fellow, Kalsman Center on Judaism and Health, Hebrew-Union College Jewish Institute of Religion

Fellow, Drexel University Center on Non-Violence and Social Justice

Founding Board of Directors, Austin Children's Museum (now known as The Thinkery)

Executive Board of Directors, Austin Children's Cancer Center

Founding Member, Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition

Board of Directors, Arts and Spirituality Center (now ArtWell)

Member, Mental Health First Aid Advisory Group, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services

Member, Faith-Based Planning Group, Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Member, MPH Admissions Committee, Drexel University School of Public Health

Member, DrPH Admissions Committee, Department of Community Health and Prevention, Drexel University School of Public Health

Member, MPH Curriculum Re-Design Task Force, Drexel University School of Public Health

Member, Students' Professional Development, Planning Group, Dornsife School of Public Health

Member, Executive MPH Program, Dornsife School of Public Health Performance Alignment Review (PAR)

Member, Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia, Multi - Faith Religious Training Corps and Zones of Peace Initiative

Member, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education

Member, Interfaith Spirituality Advisory Board, Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA

Member, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Oral Health Stakeholders Committee

Member, Philadelphia Oral Health Task Force

Member, AARP, National Task Force on Community and In-Home Supports

Member, Texas Department of Health, TexGene Consumer Advisory Committee

Member, Texas Department of Health, EPSDT Outreach Advisory Committee

Member, Texas Department of Health, Medicaid Managed Care Consumer Working Group

Member, Texas Department of Health, In-Home and Family Support Advisory Committee

Member, Governor's Conference on Aging, Advisory and Planning Committee

Consumer Advisory Committee Member, The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR)

Member, Texas Governor's Council on Nutrition and Physical Fitness

Volunteer Mediator, Austin Dispute Resolution Center

Member, American Public Health Association

Member, Pennsylvania Public Health Association

Member, Texas Society of Public Health Education

Member, Texas State Health Coalition

Member, American Society for Training and Development, Austin, Texas Chapter Chair, The East Austin Coalition for Health (TEACH)

Member, United Way of Austin, First Alert Advisory Committee

Research, Evaluation and Consulting Projects

Principal Investigator, Evaluation of Philadelphia's Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Initiative, Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, 2011 – 2015

Consultant, Drexel University's School of Education, Evaluation and Case Studies of Community Schools, 2017 - Present

Legislative Policy Consultant, Pennsylvania Oral Health Coalition, 2014

Program Development and Evaluation Consultant, "Standing on Sacred Ground" (training about religion and spirituality for mental health professionals), Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, 2014 - Present

Evaluation Consultant, Healthy Children, Healthy Teeth Initiative, Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2013

Program Consultant, Working with Local Religious Leaders and Congregations, Stephen and Sandra Sheller Eleventh Street Family Health Services, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, 2013

Principal Investigator, Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis and Assessment, Thomas Scattergood Foundation and Friends Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2012 - 2013

Program Consultant on Community Assessment, Evaluation, and Outreach to Faith-based Organizations, Drexel University College of Medicine, Community Partnerships Office, 2013 - 2014

Program Consultant, Outreach to Faith-based Organizations and Congregations,

Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Office of Adolescent Medicine, 2013

Program and Evaluation Consultant, Needs Assessment about Interpersonal and Family Violence, Jewish Family and Children's Services, Philadelphia, PA, 2013

Program Consultant, Building Partnerships with Faith-based Communities, National and Regional Consultation for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Central Office and Region 3 Office Leaders, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2011 and Pilot Project, 2012 - 2013

Organizational, Program and Evaluation Consultant, Siloam (Services for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS), Philadelphia, PA, 2011-2012

Program Consultant, Grant Application for Federal Community Transformation Funds (available through Affordable Care Act), Montgomery County Health Department, July 2011

Program Consultant, Working with Faith-based Organizations, U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Urban Strategies, February 2011

Program Consultant, Grant Application for HRSA Turning Point Initiative for Federally-Qualified Community Health Center, Berks County Health Commission, December 2010

Leadership Development Consultant with Synagogues and Jewish Communities throughout the United States and Canada, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, 2006-2010

Leadership Development Consultant and Retreat Leader, Three-Day Leadership Retreat, Community Voices Office, National Center for Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine, December 2006

Researcher and Policy Consultant, Oral Health for People with Developmental Disabilities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Funded by the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council to Elwyn, 2005 - 2007

Program and Planning Consultant, Visiting Nurses Association, Hospice Program, Philadelphia, PA, In-Service Education Program on End of Life Issues for Jewish Patients and their Families, June 2003

Policy and Community Engagement Consultant and Technical Advisor, W.K. Kellogg Foundation and its 13 Grantees of the Community Voices: Health Care for the Underserved Initiative (Sites Located in Miami, FL; Denver, CO; Detroit, MI; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; El Paso, TX; New York, NY; Oakland, CA; Lansing, MI; North Carolina; New Mexico; West Virginia, and the California Indian Tribes) 1998 - 2002

Workshop Leader and Policy Consultant, First Health of North Carolina Hospital System, Statewide Symposium among Safety Net Dental Providers, Academic and State Agency Officials on Performance Measures for Oral Health Services for Uninsured Populations, Pinehurst, North Carolina, April 2002

Policy and Program Consultant, Hispanic Dental Association, Health Care Disparities, Fall 2002

Policy, Program and Evaluation Consultant, American Association of Clinicians for the

Underserved, Oral Health Services, Summer 2002

Principal Investigator, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Psychosocial Services and Resources Referral Guide for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2001

Policy and Program Consultant, “What Communities Value about Health and Health Care” Report and Video, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Community Voices: Health Care for the Underserved, 2001

Researcher and Writer, “Increasing Access: Building Working Solutions, A Report for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Community Voices: Health Care for the Underserved”, 2001

Program Consultant, Health East, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, Envisioning Community-Based Health Education Programs and Innovative Collaboration for Smoking Cessation, 1988

Researcher and Lead Author, Texas Department of Agriculture’s “A Visioning Report: The Role of the Texas Department of Agriculture in Solving the Problem of Hunger in Texas”, 1985

Evaluation Consultant, Texas Department of Health, Employee Wellness Survey, 1982

Program and Evaluation Consultant, Needs Assessment and Training for Three North Carolina Mental Health Governing Boards, 1980

Program Consultant, Long-term Continuing Education Plan for Training Health Education Specialists in Eastern Region of the Division of Health Services, North Carolina, 1980

Papers, Reports and Published Articles

Epstein, Rabbi N. E., Bluethenthal, A., Visser, D., Pinsky, C., & Minkler, M. (May 1, 2021). Leveraging arts for justice, equity and public health: the Skywatchers program and its implications for community-based health promotion practice and research. **Health Promotion Practice. Vol 22, Number 1 - Special Supplement on Arts in Public Health.**

Bluethenthal, A., Visser, D., Epstein, N. & Pinsky, C. (in press 2021) Skywatchers’ Values-based Methodology and Guidance for Practice In M. Minkler & P. Wakimoto (Eds.). **Community Organizing and Community Building for Health and Social Equity.** (4th Ed., pp. #-#). New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Grossman, S., Agosto, D.E., Winston, M., Epstein, N.E., Cannuscio, C.C., Martinez-Donate, A., & Klassen, K. (March 31, 2021). How public libraries help immigrants adjust to life in a new country: A review of the literature. **Health Promotion Practice.** <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248399211001064>

Epstein, Rabbi Nancy E., Goldberg, Rabbi Elisa., (Fall 2019) Watering the Earthly Garden with Sacred Flow: Tending to the Mental Health of Our Jewish Communities, **CCAR**

Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly

Epstein, Rabbi Nancy E., Implications for Community Health Practitioners: Framing Religion and Spirituality within a Social Ecological Framework. **Why Religion and Spirituality Matter for Public Health: Evidence, Implications and Resources**, Springer Publishing Company, Spring 2018

Epstein, Rabbi Nancy E., Teaching Religion, Spirituality and Health: the Drexel Experience. **Why Religion and Spirituality Matter for Public Health: Evidence, Implications and Resources**, Springer Publishing Company, Spring 2018

Three Successive Reports on the Evaluation of Philadelphia's Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) initiative for the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, October 2012, October 2014, and July 2015

"Psyche and the City" (ghostwriter), **Drexel Magazine**, Isaiah Thompson, Fall 2014

"Work and Health Through a Jewish Lens" (Book Chapter) with Adina Newberg, Ph.D., **Judaism and Health: A Handbook of Practical, Professional and Scholarly Resources** edited by Jeff Levin, PhD and Michele Prince, MSSW, MAJS, published by Jewish Lights Publishing, October 2013

The Life and Work of Alison Snow Jones: An Uncommon Woman, published on-line by the Drexel University Library as an Archive, Summer 2013

Judaism and Health, A Report for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services completed for Urban Strategies, April 2011

People with Developmental Disabilities and Oral Health in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: A Research Report to the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council, October 2006

Aching Teeth and Vanishing Dreams: The Dental Problems of Philadelphia's At-Risk Children and Youth, Drexel University School of Public Health, March 2003

Psychosocial Services and Resources Referral Guide, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2001

(Editor) **State of the States: Overview of 1999 State Legislation on Access to Oral Health**, Center for Policy Alternatives, December 1999

The Sale and Conversion of Not-for-Profit Hospitals: Defining the Legislative Issues, Legislative Issues Forum, Center for Policy Alternatives, April 1998

"Legislature Should Examine Managed Care" (op ed), **San Antonio Express-News**, September 30, 1996

Consumer Organization Recommendations to the Senate Committee on Managed Care and Consumer Protections, Disability Policy Consortium, 1996

Consumer and Provider Recommendations to the Texas Department of Health on Proposed HMO Rules, Disability Policy Consortium, (March 1996)

How to Be Your Own Lobbyist: A Trainer's Manual, Disability Policy Consortium (June 1994)

(Author and Editor) **The Capitol Connection** (a legislative newsletter appearing bi-weekly during the Texas Legislative Session), 1991-1998

(Author and Editor) **Position Papers of the Disability Policy Consortium** (produced for each Texas Legislative Session), 1991-1998. Topics included health policies, consumer protections in public and private-sector managed care, long term care and community-based services and supports, fair procedures and rights for persons with disabilities, employment and transition issues, issues in education for students with disabilities, adult offenders with mental or cognitive disabilities, architectural barriers, and consumer representation on state agency governing boards.

"Texas-Israel Exchange Farm Demonstrates Potential for a Texas Cut Flower Industry," **TDA Gazette** (April 1990)

"Texas-Israel Exchange Laredo Blueprint Demonstration Farm is a Model of Semi-Arid, Intensive Agricultural Practices," **TDA Gazette** (June 1990)

"Policy Advocacy: Three Roles for Health Educators," co-authored with Drs. Alan Steckler, Leonard Dawson and Robert Goodman, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, **Annual Review of Health Education** (1986)

Faces of Hunger in the Shadow of Plenty: Report and Recommendations to the 69th Texas Legislature by the Texas Senate Committee on Hunger and Nutrition (January 1985)

"Study Review of the Texas Senate Interim Committee on Hunger and Nutrition" **National Nutrition Monitor** (January 1985)

"Texas Senate Interim Committee Publishes Report on Hunger", **Foodlines** (February 1985)

"The Good Health School: A Community-Based Education Program," **Food Management Magazine** (March 1984)

"The Good Health School," **Community Nutritionist** (April/May 1983) "The Good Health School," **Texas Hospitals** (January 1983)

Nutrition and Seafood: A Resource Guide (developed for the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service), Community Nutrition Institute, Fall 1981

Invited Presentations and Facilitations

APHA Invited Session, "Do Religion and Spirituality Matter for Epidemiology and Public Health: Evidence and Implications," APHA Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2017

Workshop on Evaluation Using the Social-Ecological Model, Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia, October 2017

Invocation, 20th Annual "Making a Difference" Dinner, Mayor's Drug and Alcohol

Executive Commission, June 2017

Opening Remarks, 12th Annual Faith and Health Conference, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, April 2017

Opening Remarks, Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University Pinning Ceremony, September 2016

Invocation, Drexel University School of Public Health Graduation Ceremonies, June 2016 and 2015

Closing Remarks, Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University, Awards Ceremony for Graduating Students, June 2015

Opening Presenter, “Trauma and Healing: Faith Communities Respond,” Eighth Annual Faith and Spiritual Affairs Conference, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, April 23, 2014

Keynote Speaker, “Leadership and Advocacy: A Life of Action”, Women Clergy of Greater Philadelphia Professional Retreat Sponsored by the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia, January 2013

Organizer and Workshop Leader, Religious Competency for Healthcare Professionals, Pennsylvania Training Center for the Public Health Workforce, June 8, 2012

Organizer and Speaker, “What’s Faith Got to Do with It? Organizing for Health and Social Justice in West Philadelphia”, Community Health and Prevention Educational Forum, Drexel University School of Public Health, April 25, 2012

Keynote Speaker, “Have Faith in Recovery: Exploring Pathways to Healing and Wellness,” 6th Annual Faith and Health Conference, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, December 11, 2011

Presenter, Philadelphia HIV/AIDS Prayer Breakfast, December 1, 2011

Opening Presenter, “Transitions: Promoting Resilience in Your Congregation,” Philadelphia Department of Public Health, May 2011

Organizer and Facilitator, “Understanding and Transforming Trauma: A Day-long Workshop for Clergy, Congregational Leaders, Chaplains, Religious Educators and Spiritual Directors”, May 2011

Presenter, “Meet the Expert”, Philadelphia Theater Company, Talk-Back Session Following Anna Deveare Smith’s Play “Let Me Down Easy”, March 2011

Invited Participant, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Meeting and US Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Meeting, April 2011

Frequent Presentations and Facilitations with Reconstructionist Synagogues and Rabbis across North America (2007-2011)

Presenter, “Oral Health in Philadelphia: The Plight of Children and Youth”, St. Christopher’s Hospital Foundation Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 2007

Invited Moderator for Faith-based Programs and Public Health, American Public Health Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2003

Presenter, “Aching Teeth and Vanishing Dreams: The Dental Problems of Philadelphia’s At - Risk Children and Youth”, Pennsylvania Department of Health Oral Health Stakeholders Committee, Harrisburg, PA, July 2003

Presenter, “Children’s Oral Health: The Picture and Data for Philadelphia’s Children and Youth”, Philadelphia Children’s Oral Health Task Force, March 2003

Invited Participant for “Leadership Across Boundaries,” Salzburg Global Seminar, Salzburg, Austria, 2003 (not able to attend)

Planner and Facilitator, “Statewide Symposium among Safety Net Dental Providers, Academic and State Agency Officials on Performance Measures for Oral Health Services for Uninsured Populations”, First Health North Carolina Hospital System, Pinehurst, North Carolina, April 2002

Keynote Presenter, “Institutional-Community Partnerships: Lessons Developing Grassroots Voices to Improve Health Care Services,” National Council of Churches Interfaith Health Seminar, New York City, February 2001

Organizer and Presenter, “Contraceptive Equity: Successful Organizing by Women Legislators”, Center for Policy Alternatives Conference with State Legislators, Washington, DC, December 1999

Presenter and Respondent, Presentations by Health Policy Fellows, National Association of Public Hospitals, Washington, DC, November 1999

Presenter, “Informing the Health Policy Process: An Advocacy Success Story”, W.K. Kellogg Foundation Media University, Battle Creek, Michigan, Fall 1999

Presenter, “Health Issues in Underserved Communities, Women 2000: Agenda for Action”, Women Legislators’ Lobby and Women’s Action for New Directions, Washington, DC, September 1999

Planner and Meeting Facilitator, “The State of the Art: Working Successfully with Community Health Workers and Lay Health Advisors”, a National Meeting Sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Convened by the Center for Policy Alternatives and the Georgetown University Harrison Institute for Public Policy, Baltimore, Maryland, September 14-15, 1999

Organizer and Presenter, Community Benefit Board Briefing on “Policy Organizing to Improve Health Care for Underserved Communities”, First Health North Carolina Hospital System, Pinehurst, North Carolina, May 1999

Planner and Facilitator for Meeting on Increasing Access to Oral Health Services for Underserved Communities, W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Voices: Health Care for the Underserved National Networking Meeting, Tempe, Arizona, April 1999

Presenter, “Informing the Work of Policymakers with Best Practices and Models,”
W.K. Kellogg Community Voices: Health Care for the Underserved National Networking
Meeting, Stowe, Vermont, August 1998

Organizer and Facilitator, “Hospital and Health Care Conversions: Converting Public and
Not-for-Profit Hospitals to Community Conversion Foundations”, A Meeting Convened for
State Legislators, Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, DC, April 1998

Keynote Presenter, “Successful Organizing for Consumer Protections in Managed Care”,
Grassroots Consumer Health Conference, Families USA, Washington, DC, January 1998

Moderator, “Women’s Health and Managed Care Protections”, Summit of the States:
Conference for Legislators, Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, DC, December
1997

Keynote Presenter, “Health Educators as Successful Policy Advocates”, Alumni
Conference of the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, April 1997

Presenter, “Briefing on Proposed Managed Care Legislation for Staff of Legislative
Members of the Texas House of Representatives Insurance Committee”, Austin, Texas,
April 1997

Presenter, “The Policy Role of Health Consumer Protections in Managed Care”,
Grassroots Consumer Health Conference, Families USA, Washington, DC, January 1997

Presenter, “Consumer Protections in Managed Care: Successful Stories from the
Field”, American Public Health Association Annual Conference, New York, New York,
November 1996

Presenter and Invited Expert Testimony, Texas Senate Interim Committee on Managed
Care and Consumer Protections Public Hearing, Houston, Texas, September 1996

Presenter, “Managed Care and People with Disabilities: The Real Problems and the
Need for Consumer Protections,” Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities
Conference, Dallas, Texas, Spring 1996

Presenter, “How to Create ‘Sunshine’ and Best Engage Consumers and Advocates,”
Meeting of Select Texas Department of Health Associate Commissioners, Assistant
Commissioners and Bureau Chiefs, Austin, Texas, Spring 1996

Presenter and Invited Expert Testimony, “The Continuum of Long Term Care Services
and Supports: Looking Ahead and Envisioning Future Needs”, Texas House of
Representatives Select Committee on Long Term Care, Austin, Texas, 1996

Presenter, “Health Policy and the Texas Legislature”, Conference of the Texas Respite
Resource Network, San Antonio, Texas, 1995

Presenter, “Effectively Using Clients as Advocates”, Public Affairs Network Conference,
Texas Family Planning Association, Austin, Texas, November 1995

Presenter, Health Policy Legislative Briefing, American Association for Retired Persons
(AARP), Austin, Texas, Winter 1995

Presenter, “Health Policy Issues Facing the Texas Legislature”, Mental Health Association of Texas Meeting with Chapter Executive Directors, Austin, Texas, Spring 1995

Keynote Presenter, “Mental Health Legislative Issues”, Midland-Odessa Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) Board, Midland, Texas 1995

Presenter, “Health Care for Medically Fragile Children,” Any Baby Can Conference on Medically Fragile Children, Austin, Texas 1994

Organizer, Training for Legislators and Legislative Staff on Health Care for People with Disabilities, Coalition of Disability Organizations, Austin, Texas, January 1993

Presenter, “Health Care Reform”, Partners in Policy-Making Program, Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities, 1992

Presenter, Legislative Briefing for National Mental Health Association Legislative Conference, Austin, Texas, 1987

Presenter, “The Legacy of Guy Steuart: Implications for Public Health Practice” with Drs. Barbara Israel, Eugenia Eng, and Jack Geiger at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, 1991

Presenter, “Water-Wise: Positive Environmental Solutions”, Conference of Southwestern Foundations, El Paso, Texas, 1990

Presenter, “New Educational Initiatives”, Agricultural Education in Texas: Responding to Economic Development Opportunities Conference, Austin, Texas, June 1990

Presenter, “Role of the Texas-Israel Exchange in Fostering Cooperative Development”, Women’s League for Conservative Judaism, Austin, Texas April 1990

Presenter, “Sustainable Agriculture for the Future”, Pecan Valley Optimists Club, San Antonio, Texas April 1990

Presenter, “Geographical and Cultural Diversity: Texas-Israel Cooperation in Agriculture”, University of Texas, Austin, Texas April, 1990

Presenter, “Potential for Economic Development: The Cut Flower Marketplace in Texas”, A Presentation to Elected and Business Leaders of Brackenridge, Texas, April 1990

Presenter, “Biological and Cultural Diversity”, San Antonio Botanical Center, San Antonio, Texas, October 1989

Presenter, “A Cooperative Working Partnership: The Texas-Israel Exchange: Approaching Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Development in Texas”, a Presentation to the Public Sponsored by the Houston Jewish Federation, February 1989

Presenter, “Environmental Ecology: The Planting of Trees and Preservation of the Environment”, Tu’B Shvat Program, Houston, Texas, February 1989

Presenter, “Applications of Israeli Farming Techniques for Texas Agriculture”, Georgetown Gardens, Georgetown, Texas, April 1989

Presenter, "Research Needs for Southwest Texas", Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, New Research, Training and Educational Initiatives Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 1988

Presenter, "Demonstration and Outreach", Agricultural Entrepreneurship and Economic Development in the Texas Gulf Coast Region: New Research, Training and Educational Initiatives Conference, Houston, Texas, September 1988

Presenter, "Making the Desert Bloom", Hadassah Regional Conference, Austin, Texas, February 1988

Presenter, "The Potential for Innovation: Replicating Desert Farming Techniques in Texas", Texas Department of Agriculture Regional Advisory Board, Austin, Texas, December 1987

Presenter, "The Potential for Economic Development: Agriculture in the 1990's in South Texas", Laredo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Laredo, Texas, November 1987

Keynote Presenter, "WIC: How to Expand Participation," Fighting Hunger in America: Developing a Plan for Action Conference, Sponsored by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), Washington, DC, March 1987

Keynote Presenter, "Successful Consumer Involvement in State Hunger and Nutrition Legislation", Women's Legislative Days Conference, Austin, Texas, February 1987

Keynote Presenter, "Solving the Hunger Problem: The Texas Example", American Dietetic Association Annual National Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 1986

Presenter, Organizer, and Moderator, "Supporting Public Health in the 1980's: Understanding the Legislative Process and Developing Strategies for Effective Advocacy", American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 1985

Presenter, Organizer and Moderator, "The Role of the Health Professional in Solving the Problem of Hunger", American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 1985

Presenter, "Federal Funding and State Legislation on Hunger and Nutrition", Texas State WIC Directors Meeting, Texas Department of Health, San Antonio, Texas, April 1985

Keynote Presenter, "Hunger Symposium", San Angelo State University Conference on Hunger, San Angelo, Texas, March 1985

Keynote Presenter, "Legislative Workshop on Hunger and Nutrition", Texas Dietetic Association Legislative Conference, Austin, Texas, February 1985

Presenter, "The Problems of Hunger and Malnutrition in Texas: Recommendations for Legislative Action", Texas Conference of Churches Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, February 1985

Keynote Presenter, "Nutrition Monitoring to Improve Public Policy, The Role of the Health Professional", National Nutrition Monitoring Conference, Washington, DC, December

1984

Presenter, “Recommendations and Legislative Initiatives on Hunger and Malnutrition”, Texas Governor’s Council on Disabilities, Austin, Texas, December 1984

Presenter, Organizer and Moderator, “Increasing Health Educators’ Political Effectiveness”, American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Anaheim, California, November 1984

Presenter, “Hunger and Malnutrition Among Elderly Citizens”, Statewide Meeting of Area Agency on Aging Directors, Texas Department on Aging, Austin, Texas, August, 1984

Keynote Presenter, “The Task that Waits Before Us”, Statewide Meeting and Annual Conference of the Anti-Hunger Coalition of Texas, Austin, Texas, April 1984

Presenter, “Community-Based Health Education: The Good Health School Model,” KLRU - Public Television Show, Austin, Texas, Fall 1982