

CURRICULUM VITAE of JULIA F. HOUSTON

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

MSW	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK Major Field: Organization and Communities	2014	Columbia, SC
BS	LANDER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES Major Field: Sociology	2011	Greenwood, SC
BS(c)	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-ASHEVILLE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Major Field: Business Management Minor: Psychology	1982	Asheville, NC
AA	BREVARD COLLEGE Major Field: Business Management Minor: Psychology	1979	Brevard, NC

CERTIFICATIONS

2017	Management Development LEAD 2, USC
2017	Management Development LEAD 1, USC
2017	Business Manager, USC
2012	Gamecock Research Administrators Network Training (GRANT), USC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina

2020-present	Contracts and Grants Manager, Veterans Education and Research Association of Michigan (VERAM), Columbia, SC
2019-2020	Executive Director, Dorn Research Institute, Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Center, Columbia, SC
2018-2019	Project Director, SmartState Center for Medication Safety and Efficacy, College of Pharmacy, University of South Carolina
2015-present	Regional Coordinating Director (RCD), Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP), Subcontract to Markey Cancer Center, University of Kentucky, Administrative Supplement, The Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health
2014-present	Executive Director, Connecting Health Innovations LLC

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2013-present	Director, Diet and Other Lifestyle Intervention Unit (DOLIU) Cancer Prevention and Control Program, Arnold School of Public Health
2012-2013	Project Coordinator, Advanced Support Program for Integration of Research (ASPIRE-II), Office of the Vice-President of Research
2012-2021	Administrative Coordinator I/II, Cancer Prevention and Control Program Arnold School of Public Health, USC
2007	Cancer Resource Chair, South Carolina Cancer Alliance
2007-present	State Policy Liaison/Project Leader, National Patient Advocate Foundation Washington, DC
2006-present	Founder/President, The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization, Columbia, SC

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2013–present	Member, American Association of Cancer Research (AACR)
2013-present	Member, Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)
2011–present	Member, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
2007–2012	Member, South Carolina Cancer Alliance
2004- 2012	Member, North American Brain Tumor Coalition (NABTC)

HONORS & AWARDS

2013	Outstanding Advocacy, Cancer Prevention and Control Program
2013	Delta Epsilon Iota, CHI Epsilon Chapter, Academic Honor Society, University of South Carolina
2011-present	Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work, University of South Carolina
2011-present	Alpha Kappa Delta – International Sociology Honor Society
2010-2012	Lander University Dean’s List
2011	National Patient Advocate Foundation Gold Award for Patient Advocacy
2009	National Patient Advocate Foundation Excellence in Leadership Award
2009	National Patient Advocate Foundation Platinum Award for Patient Advocacy
2009	WSPA Channel 7’s “Caring for the Carolinas” Community Award

SERVICE

- 2014-present Executive Director, Public Health Innovations in REsearch and Development (PHIRE)
- 2013 Dean's Student Advisory Council, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

GRADUATE/RESEARCH ASSISTANT/INTERN SUPERVISION

- 2019 Field Instructor, Allea Anderson, MSW Student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2017-2018 Field Instructor, Amra Marshall, MSW Student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2017 Field Instructor, Tamara Church, MSW Student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2016-2017 Field Instructor, HiLuv Johnson, MSW Student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2016-2017 Independent Study Supervisor, Ashini Desai, BS student, Department of Exercise Science, USC
- 2016 Field Supervisor, Neda Soltani, MPH/MSW Student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2015-2016 Field Supervisor, Sally Singleton, MSW Student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2015-2016 Field Supervisor, Claire Miller, MSW/MPH Student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2015-2016 Practicum Supervisor, Beatrice Pullekines, BA student, Department of Public Health, USC
- 2015-2016 Practicum Supervisor, Cassandra McCurry, BS student, Department of Exercise Science, USC
- 2014-2016 Practicum Supervisor, Neha Jaggi, MPH student, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, USC
- 2014-2015 Practicum Supervisor, Gopa Nondi, MPH student, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, USC
- 2014-2015 Field Supervisor, Christopher Whitehead, MSW student, College of Social Work, USC
- 2014-2015 Practicum Supervisor, Thomas Tafel, MPH student, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, USC
- 2013-2014 Supervisor, Samantha Warren, MSPH student, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, USC
- 2013-2014 Supervisor, Cera Falls, BS student, Arnold School of Public Health, USC
- 2013 Supervisor, Catherine Neely, RD, Department of Human Nutrition, Winthrop University

- 2013 Supervisor, Makayla Smith, RD, Department of Human Nutrition, Winthrop University
- 2013 Supervisor, Candra Chaisson, BS (c) , Arnold School of Public Health; AmeriCorps Summer Associate, Office of Student Engagement, USC
- 2013 Supervisor, Alyce Ni, BS (c), College of Nursing; AmeriCorps Summer Associate, Office of Student Engagement, USC

FUNDING SUPPORT:

Project Period	Agency	Title	Role
2019-2021	NCI	Subcontract to Markey Cancer Center, University of Kentucky, Administrative Supplement, Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program	Regional Coordinating Director
2018-2019	NCI	Subcontract to Markey Cancer Center, University of Kentucky, Administrative Supplement, Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program	Regional Coordinating Director
2015-2018	NCI	Subcontract to Markey Cancer Center, University of Kentucky, Administrative Supplement, Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program	Regional Coordinating Director
2014-2018	NIDDK	Developing the Dietary Inflammatory Index for Clinical Application	Project Coordinator
2016-2017	USDA	Developing the Dietary Inflammatory Index in Children (C-DII)	Project Coordinator
2014-2015	NCI	Lead Institution, Administrative Supplement, Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program	Regional Coordinator
2013-2014	NCI	Subcontract to Johns Hopkins University, Administrative Supplement, Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program	Regional Coordinator
2012-2013	USC Office of the Vice-President of Research	Advanced Support Program for Integration of Research (ASPIRE-II)	Project Coordinator

INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES:

University of South Carolina

- 2016-present Field Instructor, College of Social Work, USC
- 2014 Field Supervisor, College of Social Work USC
- 2014 Member, Dean’s Student Advisory Council, College of Social Work, USC
- 2013 Member, Healthy Eating Council, Healthy Carolina, USC

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **Julia F. Houston, MSW**; Mark Cromo, BS; Laundette Jones, PhD; Mabinty Conteh, BS; James Zabora, ScD, MSW; Mark Dignan, PhD, MPH (2019, October). The Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP), Region 1 North (R1N) “CURE Tour”: Leveraging Relationships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to Increase Awareness of the NCI Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) Program and Cancer Health Disparities Research through Local Outreach Events. Abstract presented at the Poster Session and Abstracts Session of the Twelfth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, San Francisco, California.
- 2018 Heenali Fozdar, BA; **Julia F. Houston, MSW**; Mark Cromo, BS, Marcela Blinka, MSW (2018, November). Reducing Cancer Disparities through Identification of Linkages to Care Partners within GMaP Region 1 North. Abstract presented at the Poster Session and Abstracts Session of the Eleventh AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, San Francisco, California.
- 2018 Heenali Fozdar, BA; **Julia F. Houston, MSW**; Mark Cromo, BS, Marcela Blinka, MSW Reducing Cancer Disparities through Identification of Linkages to Care Partners within GMaP R1N. Poster presented at the Poster Session and Abstracts Session of the Discover USC Day, Columbia, SC.
- 2017 Miria Kano, PhD; Carrie Norbeck, MPH, CHES; Kimberly Williams, MS, MPH; **Julia F. Houston, MSW**; Mark Cromo, BS; Marcela Blinka, MSW, PhD(c); LaShanta J. Rice, PhD; Anissa I. Vines, PhD; Linda Fleisher, PhD, MPH; Francisco E. Rentas, MAT; Anna Reineke, BS; Mark Dignan, PhD, MPH; Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD; Stephanie B. Wheeler, PhD; Cathy D. Meade, PhD; Andrew Sussman, PhD, MCRP; Shiraz I. Mishra, MBBS, PhD; Nestor Esnaola, MD, MPH, MBA, FACS; Beti Thompson, PhD; Ana Maria Lopez, MD, MPH. (2017, September). Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP): A Regional Strategy for Expanding the Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) Pipeline in Cancer and Cancer Health Disparities Research Nationwide. Abstract presented at the Poster Session and Abstracts Session of the Tenth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2016 Neha Jaggi, MPH; **Julia F. Houston, MSW**; James R. Hébert, MSPH, ScD; Mark Dignan, PhD, MPH; Nathan L. Vanderford, PhD, MB; Mark Cromo, BS; Mark Evers, MD; Janice Bowie, PhD; Adrian Dobs, MD; Olive Mbah, MPH; Ashleigh DeFries Gallagher, M.A., Dr.PH(c); and Roger Anderson, PhD. (2016, September). A Synergistic Regional Network’s Infrastructure to Reduce Cancer-related Health Disparities. Abstract presented at the Poster Session and Abstracts Session of the Ninth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- 2015 **Houston, Julia F. MSW**, Jaggi, Neha, MPH (c), and Hébert, James R., ScD., MSPH, Gallagher, Ashleigh D., MPH, DrPH (c), Cromo, Mark and Kheibari, Athena. (2015, November). Impact of targeted communications within a National Cancer Institute Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program Regional Network. Abstract presented at the Poster Session and Abstracts Session of the Eighth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Atlanta, Georgia.

- 2015 Tafel, Thomas, MPH, **Houston, Julia F., MSW**, Friedman, Daniela B., PhD, Bertollo, Suzanne M., MD, Hébert, James R., ScD, MSPH. (2015, May). From Scrubs to Aprons: A Novel Program to Enhance 1st Year Medical Student Education. Health Promotion, Education and Behavior Practicum Presentation. South Carolina Cancer Prevention and Control Program, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2015 Jaggi, Neha, MPH (c), **Houston, Julia F., MSW**, and Hébert, James R., ScD., MSPH. (2015, April). Region 1/Region 2 GMaP: Enhancing Communications and Disseminations Efforts through an Online Presence. Abstract presented at the Poster Session & Abstracts Session at the 8th Annual James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture. Columbia, South Carolina. http://sph.sc.edu/health_disparities/presentation/2015PosterSessionandAbstractBooklet.pdf
- 2015 Whitehead, Christopher, MSW, **Houston, Julia F., MSW**. (2015, April). 4WARDLife™: Improving the Health of Low-Income Fathers and their Children. Abstract presented at the Poster Session & Abstracts Session at the 8th Annual James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2015 Nondi, Gopa, MPH (c), **Houston, Julia F., MSW**, Frongillo, Edward A. Jr., PhD. (2015, March) Preventing Childhood Obesity through Healthy Diet, Physical and Stress-Reduction Activities. Poster presented at Experimental Biology Conference. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2010 An Analysis Of President Barack Obama’s Declining Approval Ratings. Public Health Conference Presentation. American Public Health Association Conference, University of Georgia, Augusta, GA. 2011. Oral presentation.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

- 2019 My Advocacy Journey. *By invitation* by the National Association of Veterans’ Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF) 2019 Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, September 15-18, 2019. Oral Presentation.
- 2014 A Recipe for Public Health. *By invitation* by the Exercise Science Graduate Student Section, Arnold School of Public Health, February 7, 2014. Oral Presentation.
- 2013 Planning Your Career in Public Health. *By invitation* by the South Carolina Public Health Association Student Section and Dean’s Student Advisory Council, Arnold School of Public Health, October 28, 2013. Panelist.
- 2013 Introduction to Grant-Writing. *By invitation* by Professor Annette Hoover, College of Hospitality, Retail and Tourism Management for HRTM 386, September 28, 2013. Oral presentation.
- 2010 Advocacy for the Benefit of Others. *By invitation* by The South Carolina Cancer Alliance. Oral Presentation.

PUBLICATIONS

Soltani, S.N., Kannaley, K., Tang, W., Gibson, A., Olscamp, K., Friedman, D.B., Khan, S., **Houston, J.**, Wilcox, S., Levkoff, S.E., & Hunter, R.H. (2017 Mar 1 Epub). Evaluating community-academic partnerships of the South Carolina Healthy Brain Research Network. Health Promotion Practice, DOI: 10.1177/1524839917700086.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

2014-present Executive Director, Public Health Innovations in REsearch and Development (PHIRE)
2006-2011 Productions Volunteer, Miss South Carolina Organization
2007-2011 LIVESTRONG Army Leader, South Carolina
2007-present National Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF)
2006-present The Brain Tumor Awareness Organization (BTAO)